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DR. WU EXPLAINS.

THE POLICY TOWARDS THE SOVIET.

WARNING TO THE "WHITES."

In further explanation of the action of the Nationalist Government in closing the Soviet Consulates and quasi-official Russian Agencies within the Nationalist territory, Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, stated on Monday that this action of the Nationalist Government was taken most reluctantly and solely for reasons of self-defence after having considered all other possible means of checking the pernicious Communist activities within China's revolutionary movement.

"In our effort to suppress such subversive and dangerous activities," Dr. Wu said, "we are in no way hostile towards the Russian people, for whom we always have the warmest sympathy. Our action must not be construed as to constitute a severance of political or commercial relations. China has an extensive trade with Russia and it is the wish of the Nationalist Government that some method should be devised whereby this trade can continue without entailing such complications as have been in the past."

Purely Defensive Attitude.

"We realize further," said Dr. Wu, "that for geographical and other reasons, it behooves the two nations to maintain friendly relations, and our present anxiety is to handle this unfortunate but purely defensive action in such a way that it will leave the minimum of ill-feeling on both sides, and that it will not constitute any formidable impediment, when the Chinese revolution shall have fulfilled its mission and created a stable state, in the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries."

Questioned as to the truth of the reports from Hankow and Canton regarding alleged untoward treatment of Russians incidental to the suppression of recent Communist activities, Dr. Wu said that he had received no confirmation of the occurrence of such incidents. The only despatch which Dr. Wu received from Hankow was one from the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Hupoh, requesting protection for the Soviet Consul-General and his party, numbering some 16 persons, when they shall pass through Shanghai en route to Russia.

Regarding the reports from Canton, Dr. Wu explained that the Cantonese people were naturally deeply affected by the spectacle of their homes burned and their relatives murdered under the direction of Russians. "It must be realized that in this time of turmoil and feeling, Russians caught red-handed in such activities cannot but be summarily dealt with," said Dr. Wu.

The Incidents in Canton.

Dr. Wu explained further that some few weeks ago the so-called "government at Canton," under Communist or semi-Communist influence, had temporarily passed from the authority of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, hence no official reports have been received regarding the manner of suppressing the Red uprising or the handling of Soviet citizens there. Dr. Wu, however, hoped that such incidents as reported in foreign despatches from Canton and Hankow have not actually taken place.

Dr. Wu then emphasized the fact that all Soviet officials and Soviet Russian citizens will be accorded full protection and courteous treatment in their evacuation, in strict observance of diplomatic amenity. Likewise, Russians who choose to reside in the Nationalist territory will be given full protection and proper safeguards. Dr. Wu announced that the Nationalist Government is now drafting regulations governing the registration of all Russians, regardless of their political faith, who desire to remain in Nationalist territory.

Questioned regarding the attitude of the Nationalist Government toward the factional clashes between the Red and White Russians in China, Dr. Wu said that the Nationalist Government will not tolerate any such activity of the White Russians who propose to make Chinese territory a base for operations against the Soviet Government.—Kuo Min.

NATIONALIST BREAK WITH SOVIET.

MADAME SUN YAT-SEN DISAGREES.

CHIANG'S CURT RETORT.

Following is the text of a cable received in Shanghai last Sunday from Mme. Sun Yat-sen, from Moscow.

"Chiang Kai-shek, Shanghai.—Just on point of returning home I learned of your proposal to break off relations with Soviet Russia and demand withdrawal of Soviet Consulates. This act, if carried out, will be suicidal, isolating China and retarding her progress, for which history will hold you to account. If you possess a particle of your leader's vision or remember that close co-operation with Soviet Russia was his last will, then stop heading plunging over precipice dragging with you fate of your country. I am remaining here as moral protest against your decision, unless last moment steps be taken to avert break. I believe that your alleged grievances could be settled by agreement with Soviet Russia."

Chiang's Reply.

Chiang Kai-shek's reply, sent the same evening, follows: "Your telegram dated to-day respectfully received, excepting which neither I nor the rest of your family have received single response to our many telegrams and letters, showing evidently your correspondence was tampered with. For taking this step of breaking off relations with Soviet Russia, whose agents have only recently made holocaust in other words, we accept full responsibility, but beg you to defer judgment until you arrive here and view situation for yourself. History, I am confident, will record that it was Soviet Russia herself that made a mockery of co-operation by persistently subverting the principles and policies laid down by our revered leader. General opinion here is that, as a loyal Kuomintang member, your telegram and further stay in Russia could not be of your own free will, and you could do far more for the party if you will present your views in person without duress. Eagerly awaiting your early return.—Chiang Kai-shek."

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE.

QUESTION OF CHEATER RATES.

London, Dec. 22.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, regarding trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service, Lord Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster General, said that the revenue of the service covered working costs but not yet depreciation and amortisation.

Asked whether a reduction of the present rate of 25 per minute would not result in more traffic, Lord Wolmer replied that the traffic was steadily growing and that the Postmaster General, as at present advised, was not prepared to reduce the rate. He hoped that as business men more and more realised the great advantages which were to be obtained from using the service they would realise how extremely cheap it was. Answering a further question whether the Postmaster General would consider a reduction of the rate at certain hours of the day, Lord Wolmer said the Postmaster General had this and other suggestions before him. These matters raised, not only in this country but also in America questions of agreement between the two countries. As soon as he was so advised he would vary the rates as he thought fit.—British Wireless.

A FORCED LANDING.

THE "RED ROSE" DELAYED.

Rangoon, Dec. 22.

"The Red Rose" was forced to land near Monkey Point with a broken piston. The machine was not damaged. The repairs are expected to take two or three days. The fliers were not injured.—Reuters.

CHINESE SOVIET RULE.

Ghastly Conditions Near Bias Bay.

Wholesale Slaughter and Violent Destruction.

A TRAGIC EXPERIMENT.

Terrible details of Communist rule in the Hai-fung and Luk-fung districts of Kwangtung (not far from Bias Bay), where the Soviet form of government has been introduced, are to hand-to-day from the Telegraph's correspondent at Swatow. These supplement reports previously received, and they demonstrate the peril that threatens Chinese society were Communism to spread throughout the country.

The ghastly conditions prevailing have caused many thousands of Chinese to flee from their native districts to Swatow and Hongkong, it being estimated that fully 10,000 have come to this Colony during the past two months. Normal communications are cut, and as the Communists open all mail, it is not safe to send letters to or from the districts.

The Soviet, which is allied to the Third Internationale, is under the leadership of a Chinese named Peng Pai, who formerly studied in Japan and was given a free hand by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to carry out the Communist experiment in the districts named.

Below will be found grim details of the campaign of slaughter, confiscation of property and the destruction of two townships by the Communists.

THOUSANDS FLEE TO HONGKONG.

(From Our Swatow Correspondent).

News of the terrible conditions a two days' tract of poor, almost barren, country, and from Canton by a similar tract past Bias Bay or through rough going to Hweichow, a Soviet has actually now been organized. The district is largely dependent on the fishing industry and has a flourishing port at Shan-mei (Swabue).

For the purpose of giving some idea of what is happening, I have gathered details from an account published in the *Tai Liang Jih Pao* of Swatow. The description given of the Soviet set up in Hai-Luk Fung is no doubt correct. If the horrors recounted seem beyond belief—and one wishes that were so—they only reflect the nightmare effect of what actually happens on the minds of those who have been near them. As a matter of fact, however, questions put to folk up from the district since the following was translated, only confirm, with names and lurid detail, the account.

If there is to be fighting against Canton, the troops along the eastern road of attack will have to clean up the Hai-Luk Fung District, and the first encounters may come there.

The Soviet Government.

The Hai-Luk Fung Soviet is allied to the Third Internationale and its leader is Peng Pai. This man was originally, on his return from study in Japan, given a free hand by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to carry out a Soviet experiment in the district. It is matter for irony that the district is the home of General Chan Kwong-ming, at that time at enmity with Dr. Sun, and has had to be modified owing to the necessity of preserving definite water courses for irrigating the fields.

Peng Pai started what must have been one of the first Peasant Unions in China, with the cry in those earlier days (from 1923 on) of "Land to the tillers." Individuals or corporate reduction of field rent, owned by landlords, should be confiscated; and the soil of the districts for the former owners marked contrast to that of the land around Swatow and Chanchow, examined. Wherever owners can be found, they are, without further question, condemned, as local tens of thousands. Each member of having been local leaders of the pre-Soviet society. If a man be found to have amassed as much as \$50,000, his family and himself are condemned to be executed without appeal.

The purgation movement in the Kuomintang has thrown into relief the position of the whole-hogging Communists and in this district, which is separated from Swatow by

from the district city (Haifung), burnt over a thousand shops in the vicinity. Within the first area of their activity all scholars were labelled "intelligentsia" and over sixty were killed. "Elders" were set down as corrupt, and over seventy were killed; the populace were guilty of being counter-revolutionaries, and over a thousand were put to death.

Further, two whole townships, Melung and Chiehcheng, were completely destroyed with the exception of a few homes belonging to Communists themselves.

In pursuit of the policy of terrorism, in each area of the district officers were commissioned to carry out the slaughter. Every week the officers were required to report to the Soviet, and the degree of merit in the performance of their duty was assessed. In November the poorest performance was reported by the 8th, the Shanmei, area, in that only over 400 people had been put to death. The Soviet gave them one month to pursue the work of the revolution: if within that time 4,000 people were not accounted for, the officer of that area would be severely punished.

Horrible Doings.

The way of carrying out the executions is more horrible than one can bear to hear. Apart from all those labelled bullies, worthless elders, capitalists and owners, ordinary well-living folk were included in the circle of guilt. Every officer has himself to visit each village in his area day by day, with a group of public speakers. They take with them a number of prisoners, and, having gathered all the villagers together, address them on Communist doctrine, and then drag the prisoners forward, and execute them on the spot. They first cut off their victims' ears and then slice them.

If any villagers try to escape out of sight, or bend their heads in horror of the sight, or display any appearance of sympathy, they are promptly arrested, charged with being counter-revolutionaries, or unsympathetic with the Revolution, and are either executed on the spot, or dragged on to the next place to suffer there. As the victims are being dealt with, not only must no sympathy be shown, but it is necessary to clap hands and laugh uproariously if trouble is to be avoided.

Wholesale Confiscation.

On the establishment of the Soviet the Policy of Confiscation was promulgated. Public and private property, all kinds of buildings and dwellings, arable and forest land, were pronounced to belong to the Government, title deeds were to be delivered up, collected and burnt, any failure to do so incurring the penalty of death. Contracts between owner and tenant were annulled; demand for payment of rent were equalised by the death-penalty. Landmarks were to be entirely removed. This last regulation was to be modified owing to the necessity of preserving definite water courses for irrigating the fields.

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REVISION OF PRAYER BOOK.

"MORE TIME FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER."

ARCHBISHOPS' APPEAL.

London, Dec. 22.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, after two days' consultation with bishops at Lambeth Palace, have issued a statement stating that it is impossible within a few days of the vote of the House of Commons to take a just measure of its significance. Therefore the bishops have adjourned till January 11th, to have further time for thought and prayer.

"We hope to submit considered proposals to the Church Assembly and Convocations in February but some word of counsel and reassurance must immediately be spoken. We believe that the recent decision of the House of Commons was influenced by avoidable misunderstandings as regards the character of the proposals and we cannot therefore take the responsibility of accepting that vote as final."

"The House of Bishops accordingly resolved to reintroduce the measure to the Church Assembly as soon as possible with only such changes as may tend to remove misapprehensions and make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations. We ask that until the deposited Book is fully authorised by the Church no-one will avail himself of its provisions so as to make changes in the accustomed Order of Services, and we ask any clergy who have adopted the usages which it would forbid to discontinue them for the sake of the peace and unity of the Church."

—Reuters.

BIG NEWSPAPER DEAL.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" CHANGES HANDS.

London, Dec. 22.

The Proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, of whom Lord Burnham is the principal, have arranged to dispose of the newspaper and its subsidiary interests to Sir William Berry, Mr. Gomer Berry and Sir Edward Hiffe, who are acquiring it for joint personal ownership. The new owners will assume control as from January 9th, this date having been fixed in view of Lord Burnham's departure to India on the Statutory Committee.

No change in the political policy of the paper is involved in the transfer.—Reuters.

The New Owners.

Sir William Berry and Mr. Gomer Berry are brothers. The former founded the *Advertising World* in 1901 and has owned and edited various other journals, having been Editor-in-Chief of the *Sunday Times* since 1915. He is Chairman of Allied Newspapers Limited, *Financial Times* Limited, *Graphic Publications* Limited, *Kelly's Directories* Limited, *Cassell and Company*, and *Weldons*. Mr. Gomer Berry is the Chairman of St. Clement's Press, Ltd., and a Director of all his brother's companies. He is also a director of many large industrial undertakings.

Sir Edward Hiffe has long been associated with newspapers in the Midlands and is Vice-President of the Periodical Trade Press and the Weekly Newspaper Proprietors' Association. He is a Director of the Cornwall Press, Ltd., and also of the *Midland Daily Telegraph*.

GREAT CASTLE FIRE.

NINE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Warsaw, Dec. 22.

Nine persons were burned to death and 15 seriously injured in a great fire at Dzikow Castle near Cracow, in which a valuable collection of old masters and relics of Polish and Austrian history were destroyed.

Among those fatally burned was M. Freyer, one of the most prominent Polish athletes, who was helping in the rescue work.—Reuters.

STREET BATTLE.

ROBBER CHASE IN SHANGHAI.

A POLICEMAN KILLED.

One Annamite policeman was killed and another seriously wounded in a sensational fight between the French police and a gang of armed robbers who raided a Chinese shop in Avenue Edward VII, Shanghai, last Saturday morning. The most desperate of the robbers was cornered in a cemetery in the French Concession and was wounded twice. His wounds are believed to be mortal. Inspector Taulier, in charge of the Avenue Joffre station, had a narrow escape from death, being hit twice, but each time the bullet merely penetrated his coat and inflicted no wound.

The street battle, which ranged from Avenue Edward VII to Avenue Joffre, was the sequel to an armed robbery attempted by three robbers on a Chinese shop on the Settlement side of Avenue Edward VII in the morning between 9 and 9.30 o'clock. As soon as the robbers entered, the owner of the shop gave the alarm and for his pains he received a bullet in the body.

Robbers Flee.

As the police began to answer the alarm, the robbers fled up Avenue Edward VII, pursued by the Municipal police. They crossed over into the French Concession and one of them cut across Avenue Joffre, via Rue Ou Sung Kiang. This man proved to be the most desperate of the gang, the other two escaping.

The robber fled up an alleyway after firing three shots at the pursuing French police, but the shots went wide. Inspector Taulier, of the Avenue Joffre station, turned out with the reserve brigade, and joined in the pursuit. The robber entered a house in the alleyway, but as the police threw a cordon around it, he emerged, shooting his way to temporary freedom. He shot one Annamite policeman, inflicting wounds which afterwards proved fatal.

Inspector's Escape.

Continuing his flight, he jumped over the wall of the Mohammedan Cemetery, near the Avenue Joffre fire station. In an attempt to head him off, Inspector Taulier and his brigade ran to the entrance at the other side. As the robber emerged, there was a sharp exchange of fire in which another Annamite was wounded, and Inspector Taulier was fired at twice. The Inspector escaped unscathed, the bullets merely passing through his coat.

The fire of the police had effect, one bullet striking the robber in the head, and another hitting him in the chest. He was taken to hospital, but it is believed that his wounds are mortal. The first wounded Annamite was taken to St. Marie's Hospital, where he expired, but the second Annamite is reported to be responding to treatment.

FAMOUS PICTURES

A ROMNEYS FOR 12,000 GUINEAS.

London, Dec. 22.

Eleven pictures from the collection of the late Marquis Curzon, former Foreign Secretary, were sold at Christie's sale rooms and realised 23,020 guineas.

They included Romneys portrait of Lady Milner, which was knocked down for 12,000 guineas.—British Wireless.

DELAYED FLIGHT.

TURKISH FORMALITIES AGAIN.

Paris, Dec. 22.

The Air Department states that Colonel Antoinet and his companions aboard the aeroplane "Georges Guynemer," have been detained at Adalia by local formalities.

The French Ambassador to Turkey is giving them all the help in his power.—Reuters.

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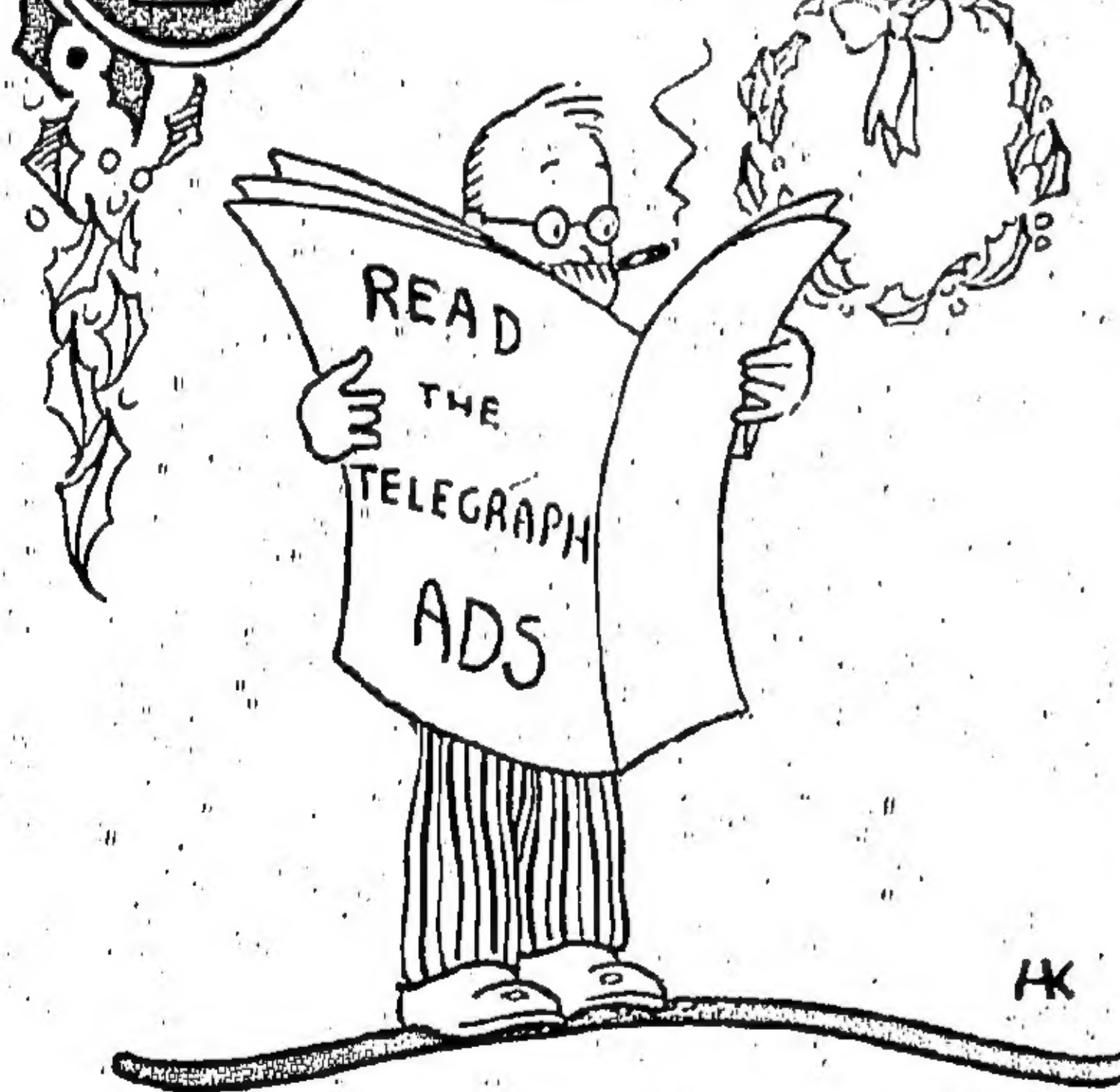
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INQUIRY INTO MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Leading Aircraftman French, who was killed on the night of December 10, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. S. Loseby yesterday appeared on behalf of the contractor in charge of the repairs which were being carried out on Prince Edward Road, where the accident occurred.

Sub-Inspector Phillips, giving evidence, said that, in consequence of a report being made at the Kowloon City Police Station by Mr. D. S. Pethick, he went to the scene of the accident after first telephoning for a motor ambulance and notifying the Royal Air Force of the tragedy.

Witness went on to speak of discovering the body of the deceased on the roadway. The body was then cold. On the arrival of the ambulance the deceased was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where Mr. Pethick and witness also went later.

By the time, witness reached the hospital the body of the deceased had already been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Driver's Condition.

Speaking of the condition of Mr. Pethick when he reported at the Police Station, witness said that he appeared to be dazed. He had abrasions on his left leg and his trousers were torn. He was covered with red earth. He was not drunk, added witness.

Continuing, Sub-Inspector Phillips said that the body was lying about 50 or 60 yards from where the cycle struck the earth, while the machine was about 20 or 30 yards further along the road.

Witness later went to the Mortuary where he searched the body, finding several personal articles in the pockets of the deceased.

Flying Officer Fowler: Why was the body not searched before it was handed over to a Chinese in the Mortuary?

Witness: The body was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and I had no opportunities of searching it. The hospital authorities sent it to the Mortuary.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that there were no signs of Mr. Pethick having had any drink.

Police Arrive on Scene.

The next witness called was Sergeant Sherry who was the first Police witness to arrive on the scene. He said that he was at the Mongkok Police Station when Mr. Pethick made his first report to the police. Witness gave instructions for the Inspector in charge to be informed, while he himself went to the medicine chest for some bandages, but finding the chest locked he borrowed some handkerchiefs from the picket he was with and went to the scene of the accident.

After examining the deceased witness found that life was already extinct and he instructed Mr. Pethick to proceed to Kowloon City Police Station to telephone for an ambulance.

The deceased was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where the nurse carried out an examination and pronounced life to be extinct. The body was later removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where witness saw a gold ring on one of deceased's fingers, but owing to swelling witness was unable to remove it.

Damaged Lamp Found.

Proceeding, witness said that while waiting for Sub-Inspector Phillips on the scene of the fatality, he found a lamp, similar to those placed on road obstructions, between the obstacle and the cycle. The lamp appeared to have been run over by the wheel of the cycle.

Asked if there were any other lamps on the obstacle, witness said that he did not notice any, al-

UNDERWRITERS CO.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, an application was made by the China Underwriters' Ltd., St. George's Building, for confirmation of a special resolution regarding the company's Memorandum of Association. Mr. H. C. Sheldon and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jr., both represented the company.

Mr. Sheldon explained that the application was for the court's confirmation to an alteration of the company's objects, proposed to be effected by a special resolution, or alternatively such other order as the court should think just.

The special resolution was duly passed and confirmed at extraordinary general meetings of the company held on November 21 and December 9 this year. The resolution was "That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the chairman of this meeting."

The alterations were required in order to enable the company to carry on its business more economically and more efficiently.

The application was granted.

though there were no lighted lamps on the obstruction.

In reply to the foreman of the jury witness said that there was no medical officer at the hospital. The body was sent to the Mortuary without any examination by the doctor.

A coolie employed as watchman at the parts of Prince Edward Road which were under repair said that his duty extended from 6 p.m. to midnight. He was engaged by the Yee Lee Contractors to see that the boards at the works were not stolen. Repairs were being carried out at that part of the road near Kowloon Tsai as well as at the place where the accident occurred. There was only one watchman to patrol the whole area.

It was also the duty of witness to see that the lights were burning. They were already alight when witness went on duty.

Lamps Inspected.

His Worship: Where did you spend most of your time? In a marsh or sitting down?

Witness: I was walking about and standing around all the time. I had not time to sit down.

How many times did you visit the lamps? Five or six times.

Continuing, witness said that the lights burned brightly until on one occasion when he visited the obstacle where the accident happened. One of the lights was missing. The other was still alight. The missing lamp was replaced and witness then proceeded to Kowloon Tsai to inspect that part of the works, when he was relieved.

Witness stated that he was the only person on duty and would be the only one to relight the lamps if they went out. When replacing the missing lamp witness did not see anybody or vehicle on the road. Witness noticed nothing unusual when he replaced the lamp on the barrier.

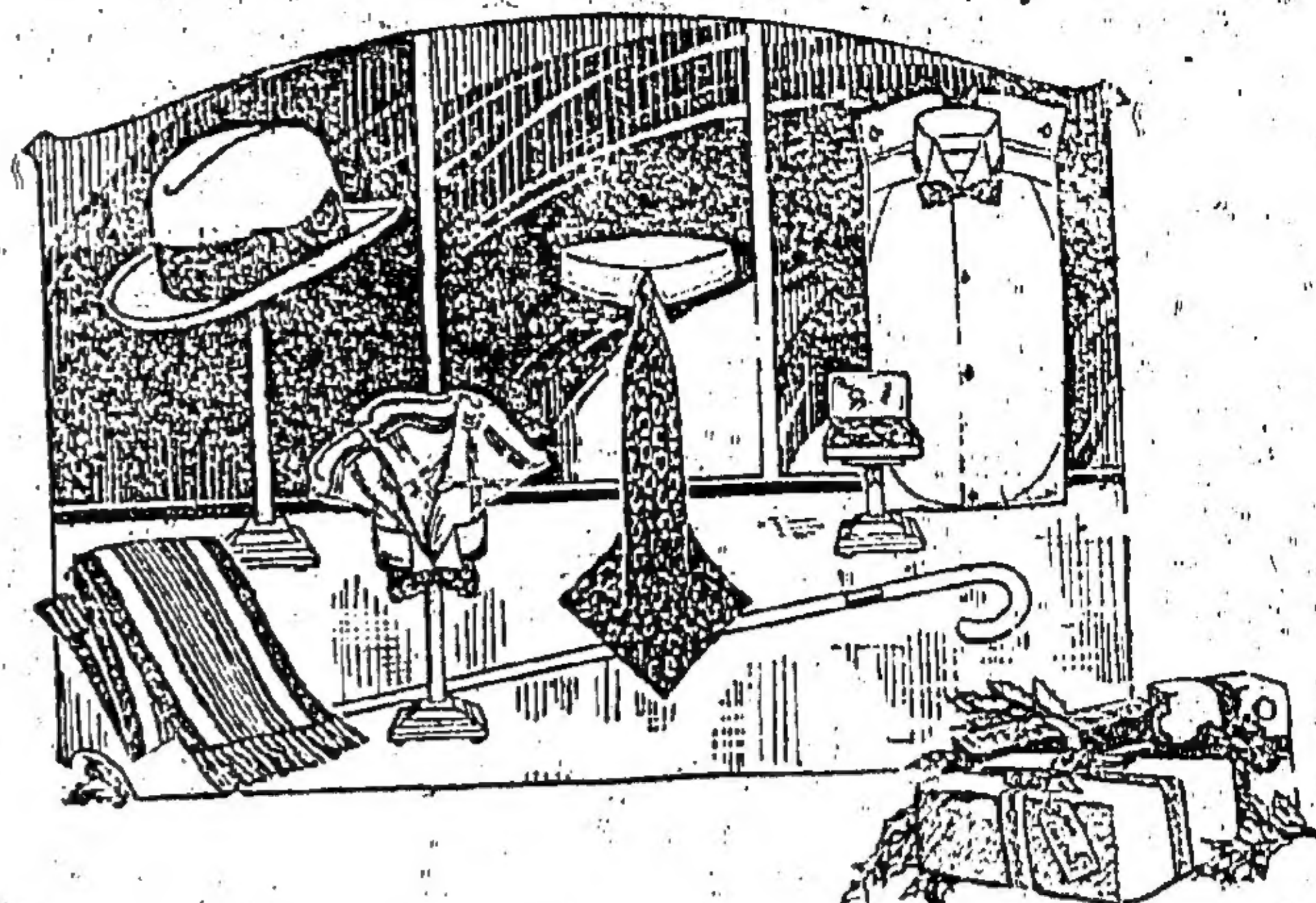
Questioned further, witness qualified a previous statement and said that he noticed that a cross board seemed slightly out of position.

Replying to Mr. Loseby witness said that the lamp in Court was the one which was missing from the obstacle.

Construction of Drain.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence, overseer of the Public Works Department, said that he examined the work which was being carried out at the place where the accident occurred. It was the construction of a storm water drain from Waterloo Road extension to the Mongkok nullah.

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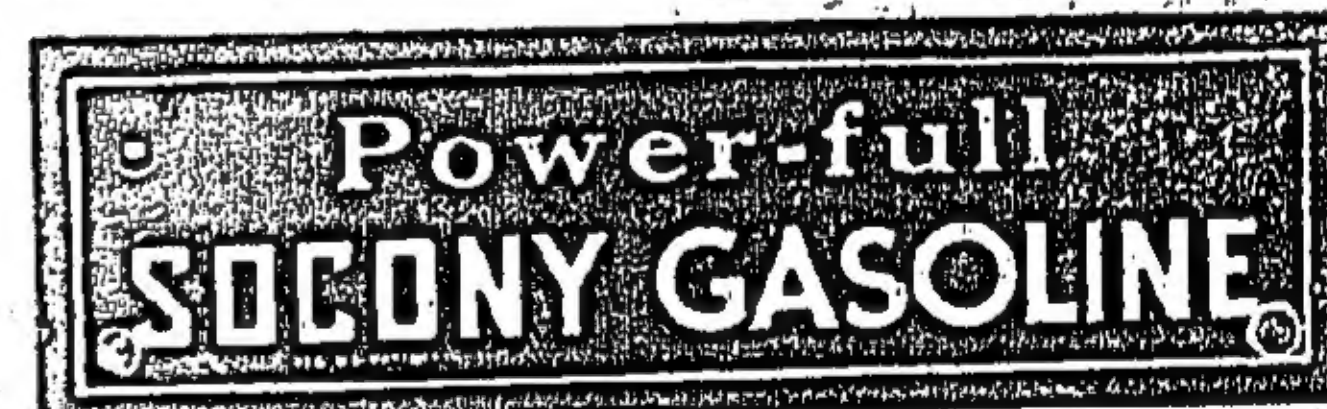
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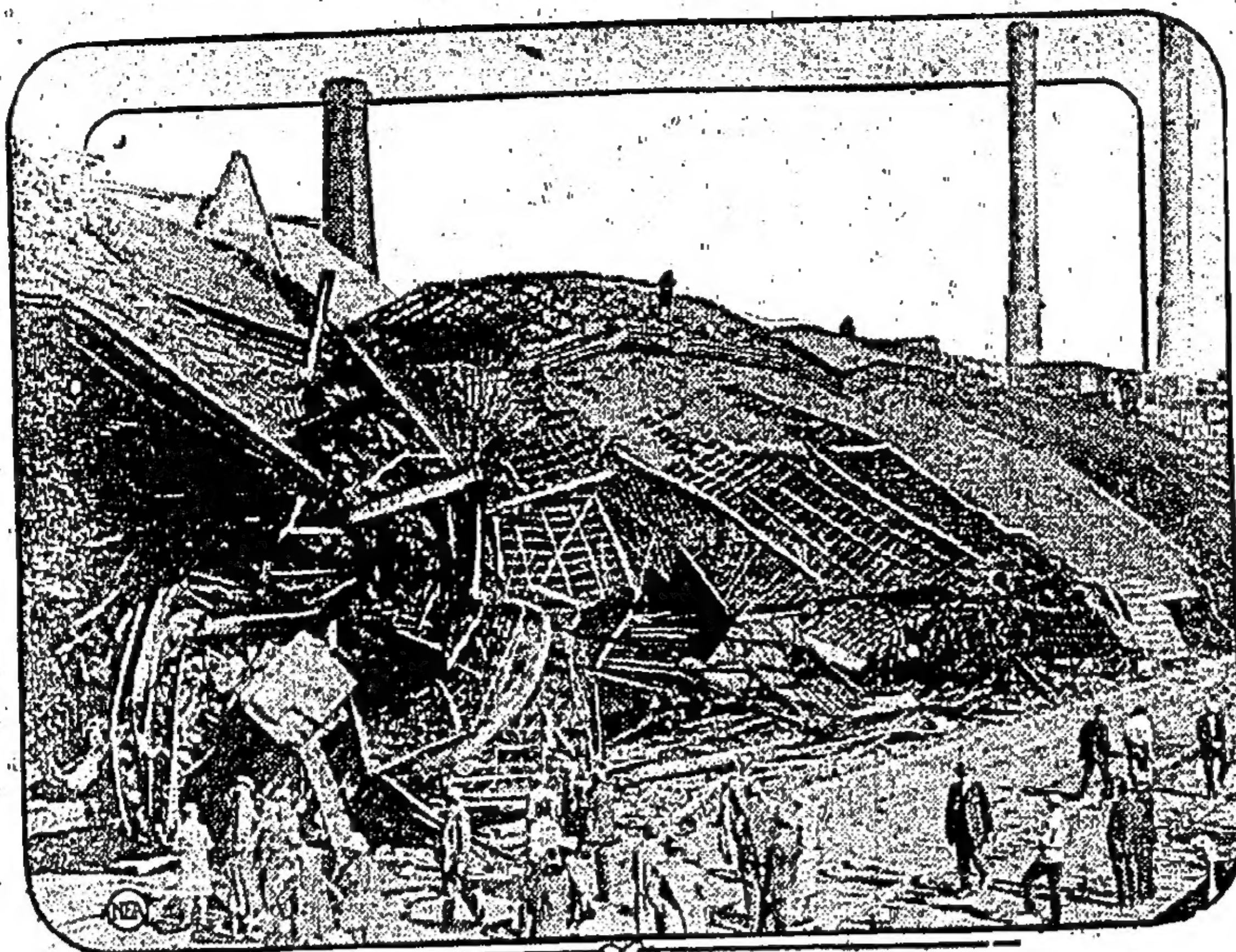
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Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder (left) is saying good bye to Rear Admiral Julian Latimer, in turning over the command of the U. S. Navy Yard at Philadelphia.



This picture indicates what happened when a concrete mixer, protruding over the edge of a freight car caught on the steel supports of the union depot train shed at Peoria, Illinois. Before the engineer knew what was happening the train had travelled the length of the building and it collapsed behind him.



"Musical Banking in the Far East," one of the numbers on the programme of "Here and There," a most successful item in the delightful programme which the Shanghai, A. D. C. recently produced at the Lyceum.



Here is pictured the wreck of one of the two naval airplanes in which Lieutenants Edward R. Fawcett and William J. McCord met death at Pensacola, Florida. Colliding 5,000 feet above the earth the machines landed in the city.



One of the two young koalas, or marsupial tree-bears of Australia, which have been purchased by the Royal Zoological Society. No example has been exhibited in London since 1890, and the specimen then shown lived only a few days.



Prof. Arthur Compton of the University of Chicago has been awarded the Nobel prize for physics for 1927.



First Congress of the trans-oceanic fliers, this—taken at the White House after they lunched with President Coolidge. Left to right: Lieut. Lester J. Maitland; Clarence Chamberlin; Art Goebel; Lindbergh; Ruth Elder; Paul Schluter; Emory Bronte; Lieut. Milton A. Hegenberger; Lieut. George Neville; Commander Richard E. Byrd; George Haldeman; Charles A. Levine; Bernt Balchen; William S. Brock, and Edward F. Schlee.

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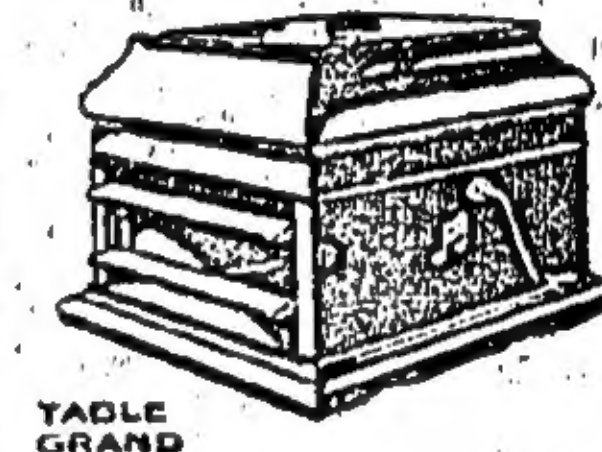
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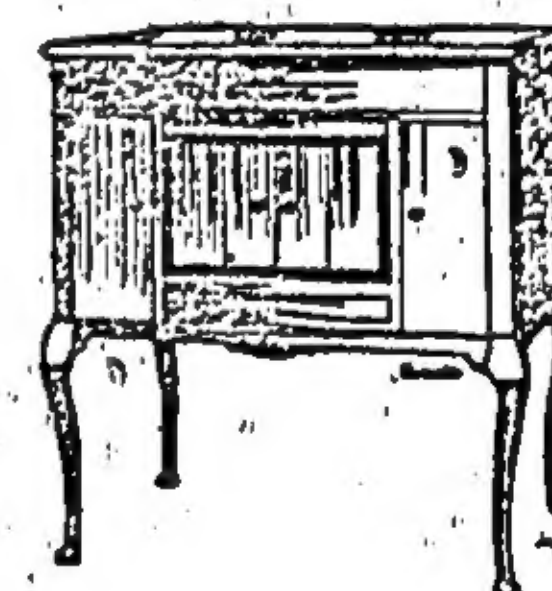
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On these days.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1927.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Bank will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th instant. (Christmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Offices of the Douglas Steamship Company have been removed to the New P. and O. Building, (4th floor), from Monday, 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.

'SPECIAL' AND 'FAMILY' MONTHLY TICKETS.

Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of \$5.00 each.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

LAM MING FAN,

Secretary. Hongkong, Dec. 20th., 1927.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Victoria Barracks, Hongkong at 12 noon on Tuesday, 3rd January, 1928, for the supply of the under-mentioned commodities for a period of 6 months commencing 1st February, 1928:-

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

Saturday, December 24th. Interport Trial.

Probables v. Royal Navy.

Hongkong Club ground, Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

Monday, December 26th.

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition.

Scotland v. Portugal.

Hongkong Club ground, Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

Tuesday, December 27th.

England v. South China.

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Saturday, 24th December, at 3.15.

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UNUSUAL FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Chinese Parrot," now drawing large houses to the Queen's Theatre, can be described as a really remarkable picture. It is produced by Paul Loni, the man who was responsible for that other clever film, "The Cat and the Canary."

The tale itself is a somewhat conventional, but none the less thrilling, crook story, but it is for the manner of its treatment and technical excellence that the film stands out above the run of ordinary pictures. The producer has attempted, and succeeded, to convey more by impression and suggestion than by action, although it must not be inferred that "The Chinese Parrot" is lacking in movement. Quite the contrary, for the audience finds its interest kept alive all through the screening—so many possibilities are there as the story develops. The photography is excellent throughout, and the impressionist effects are nowhere more fascinating than in the scene reflecting Chinese New Year celebrations.

The acting is of a high standard, in which connexion the work of K. Sojin, as Charlie Chan, is particularly good. We can commend the picture, as being something out of the ordinary. A word should be added concerning the appropriate music provided by the Queen's Orchestra under Grovini, which materially helps to create the correct atmosphere.

Other features in an excellent programme are a lengthy news reel and a very funny "Felix" cartoon.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$115 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank, \$21 1/2 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$33 n.
P. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$585 b.
Union Ins., \$294 b.
North China Ins., \$143 n.
Yantai Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$140 n.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$655 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$22 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$24 n.
Kailans, 60/- a.
Langkats, \$18 1/2 b.
S'hai Exploration, \$12.90 s.
Raubs, \$34 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$32 b.
China Providents, \$340 b.
Hongkows, \$158 b.
New Engineerings, \$15 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$15 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$15.75 b.
Orientals, \$11 n.
S'hai Cottons, \$15 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.15 b.
H. K. Lands, \$61 1/2 b.
S'hai Lands, \$124 b.
Humphreys, \$13.85 b.
Realities, \$7.30 b.
Territorials, \$11 s.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams, (old), \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$58 b.
China Lights, (omb) \$12.90 b.
H'kong Electric, \$58 1/2 s.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones, \$3.90 n.
China Buses, \$15 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.
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Industrials.

China Sugars, \$8 b.
Malabons, \$30 s.
Canton Ice, \$24 b.
Cements (Comb) \$6.60 s.
Ropes (Old) \$5 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$14 1/2 b.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Der. A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$2.50 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$7 1/2 n.
Wm. Powells, \$3 b.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$21 1/2 b.
Constructions, \$12 s.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prem.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Monday, the 26th inst., and Tuesday, the 27th instant, the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:-

The G.P.O.—Monday 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Tuesday 8 a.m. to noon. Kowloon P.O.—Monday 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Tuesday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wanchai, Sheungwan, Saiyungpun, Yaumati and Shamshui Branch.

Post Offices—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day, as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.


INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via	Kashgar	December 23.
Siberia	City of Pekin	December 24.
Straits		
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)		
London 24th November and parcels		
17th November	Devanah	December 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	December 24.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 25.
Straits	Kamo Maru	December 25.
Shanghai	Patroclus	December 25.
Manila	President Taft	December 25.
Suez and Straits	Ixon	December 25.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	December 30.
Suez and Straits	Pyrrhus	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	December 31.
Australia and Manila	Aratura	January 2.

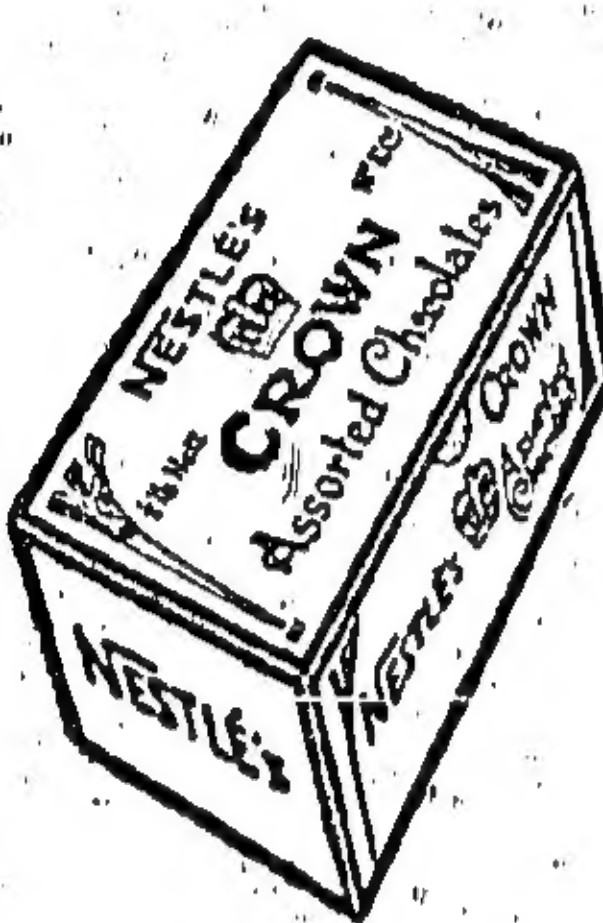
OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Fri., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Hohow and Bangkok	Michael Jensen	Fri., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Glencoe	Fri., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hueph	Sat., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sat., Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashgar	Sat., Dec. 24, K.P.O.
	Parcels	23rd 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	24th 9 a.m.
	Letters	24th 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	23rd 5 p.m.
	Registration	24th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	24th 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 21st Jan., 1928.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Sat., Dec. 24, Noon.
Saigon	Prominent	Sat., Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via		

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INDIAN CHAUFFEUR'S TRIAL.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFEENCE HEARD.

CONCLUDING STAGES.

The defence of the Indian chauffeur, named Sandi Khan, who is being tried at the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, for manslaughter, was continued this morning, when further evidence was given. The defendant, who is employed by Mr. Bernard Brown, is alleged to have knocked down a woman while driving a car at West Point and caused her death on the night of November 21st. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Esq., is instructing for Mr. Sandi Khan, senior, is defending.

Mr. Bernard Brown said he drove the car to Jardine's Corner, The Peak, on the night in question, arriving there at about five minutes past eight. The prisoner's standing orders were to take the car back to the garage and he should have arrived there half an hour later. The prisoner seemed perfectly normal when he drove the car away. He had employed the prisoner for six months. During that time he had been entirely satisfactory, with one exception, when he was drunk.

An Indian sergeant spoke to the prisoner offering him a lift on the night in question. When approaching the West Point go-down, where the accident occurred, the speed of the car was 10 m.p.h. and the car knocked down two people who were walking in the middle of the road. The prisoner sounded his horn once. After that, the car collided with a lamp-post.

Witness told the prisoner to stop the car, but he took no notice and drove on. He did not have any other conversation with the prisoner when the car collided with the lamp-post.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he did not know whether the prisoner had had any drink. He seemed to be perfectly normal. The car was not travelling faster than 10 m.p.h. He saw the people in the road about 50 feet ahead.

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that evidence had been given that the car could be pulled up in a distance of seven feet. In view of that he asked witness how it was that he asked struck the people. Witness replied that that was the fault of the prisoner.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that he did not see another car coming towards them while they were passing the go-down. The case is proceeding.

HILL CLIMB TRAGEDY.

DEATH OF MR. G. E. KRICKENBECK.

His many friends here (says the *Singapore Free Press*) will read with deep regret the sad news of Mr. G. E. Krickenbeck's fatal accident during the motor hill climb at Seremban. Mr. Krickenbeck went up in his Fiat (sports) car to partake in the trials and was severely injured as the result of his car overturning.

The deceased was an old boy of Trinity College, Kandy, Ceylon, and came out here in 1920. At the time of his death he was assistant manager of Muller and Phipps (Malaya). About two years ago the deceased was married to Miss Stella Leicester of Singapore, and much sympathy will be felt with the young widow.

The funeral will take place to-day at 11 a.m. at 4.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Dec. 22. The Nationalists claim the capture of Lincheng in Shantung.—*Reuter*.

STABBED SLEEPING MAN.

RETALIATION FOR PERSECUTION.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a fireman of the steam launch Man Fat was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with assaulting the second engineer of the same launch.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Fallon said that the two men were staying on board the launch on the morning of December 13, when at 4.15 a.m. the complainant was suddenly awakened by receiving a stab in his side. He immediately jumped up and saw the defendant, who struck him in the face with a knife, inflicting a severe wound in his cheek.

At the time of the assault, the launch was lying at the Shamshui Ferry Wharf on the Hongkong side and instead of having the injured man removed to the Government Civil Hospital, he was taken to the Hospital in Kowloon.

The defendant, continued Inspector Fallon, gave himself up to the Police.

In a statement, the defendant said that he had been persecuted by the complainant, who had been responsible for his dismissal from a previous position.

His Worship pointed out the seriousness of the offence, remarking that the man might have been killed.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

FORGERY CHARGE.

CENTRAL BANK NOTES.

The case in which four Chinese are charged in connexion with an alleged attempt to manufacture forged Central Bank of China \$5 notes was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. Horace Lo represented an ex-employee of the Commercial Press, whilst Mr. C. S. Hughes defended the remaining men.

Evidence was called by the prosecution this morning to show that three of the four defendants had an interview on November 22 with a photographer from the Wing Shing Cheung photographic firm. The three defendants, after a lengthy consultation with the photographer at Blake Pier, later adjourned to a tea-house where it was agreed that a photograph of a \$5 Bank of China note was to be taken at a cost of \$40.

The first defendant, after striking the bargain, produced \$5 in Hongkong currency and handed it to the photographer as a payment in advance.

The case is proceeding.

EXPLOSION RECALLED.

CHEQUE FOR DAMAGES.

New York, Dec. 22.

The explosion of the "Black Tom" ammunition dump in New York harbour in 1914 was recalled to-day when a cheque for \$98,104 was paid in settlement of a suit for damages by the Karesky Government of Russia against the Elkhart Valley Railroad Company for the loss of the ammunition.

The cheque was made payable to the "Serge Ughel" whom the State Department recognised as plaintiff's representatives, in the United States.

The Soviet Government's motion for the appointment of a Receiver to take over the fund was negatived a month ago.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 5/16.
 Lighting-up 5.44 p.m.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

CEREALS VALUABLE AS BREAKFAST DISH.

A FAD WHICH FAILED.

A part of the craze for dieting that swept over America within the last few years involved the discarding of breakfast as one of the day's meals.

The no-breakfast fad may be of little harm to an adult who is likely to select his other meals in proper proportion, but the growing child needs energy-producing foods early in the day as well as later. If the family sleeps late the child may be rushed off to school without a sufficient breakfast.

Among some foreign-born families one heavy meal a day is the rule, and the other two meals are slighted.

Cereal is Used.

The growing child will do best if it has as a part of its breakfast a properly prepared cereal served with milk and cream. Cereals are wholesome, palatable, easily digested and well assimilated.

Nowadays they are obtainable in hundreds of forms, some of them requiring little cooking or little labour and can be prepared with relative ease.

Cereals contain much carbohydrate, a considerable amount of protein and but little fat. They also provide mineral matter of importance and some of them an amount of bulk that is useful in stimulating the action of the intestines.

The three classes of cereals available include the raw, the ready to eat that have been partially cooked, and the ready to eat that have been completely cooked. The latter are likely to taste better if they are partially heated or toasted before serving.

Persons who are underweight or tuberculous patients will be helped by cereals cooked in milk. This adds to the number of calories and provides also a different taste and texture to the cereal when completed. Eminent dietitians say that a well-cooked cereal should appear in the menu of every child at least once a day. In the period of most rapid growth they recommend one type of cereal for breakfast and another for supper.

Varying the Menu.
 Dietitians and the manufacturers of these products provide numerous menus for varying their taste and for increasing their utility. They may be used as puddings; they may be flavoured with all sorts of fruits and vegetables, and baked into cakes.

Vegetables, milk, fruits and cereals should form the basic portions of the diet for all growing children. An active boy who requires from 4000 to 5000 calories to meet the out-go of energy may require in addition much butter, eggs and cream to balance his intake with his expenditure.

THE EIGHTH TIME.

A BANISHMENT'S RETURN.

Convicted no less than seven occasions for returning from banishment, an elderly Chinese was this morning sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and 24 strokes of the birch, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant was arrested in Mongkok, and on being brought before the Magistrate this morning, Sub Inspector Dick produced the man's criminal record, showing three previous convictions for theft, followed by seven offences against the Banishment Ordinance.

The last occasion on which he was banished was on December 9th after having served a term of one year's imprisonment. He was then deported from the Colony for life.

RUBBER OUTLOOK.

LATEST LONDON OPINION ON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 13. Rubber showed a drooping tendency in view of the small increase in London stocks, since a further decrease was expected.

Importance is attached to the fusion into the United Serdang Rubber Plantations of the Amalgamated Rubber and General Estates and the Amalgamated Rubber Development Company.

The *Financial Times* considers that amalgamation is the simple remedy for the difficulties. Some even consider that these amalgamations are the industry's only salvation, though the *Financial News* recommends the gradual evolution of amalgamations.

The modest relapse of tin imparted a somewhat easier tone to the market. Eastern descriptions are still making excellent progress, and there is a report that Malayan Tin Dredging are considered excellent.

Chinese descriptions are inclined to be dull whilst Japanese are slightly easier.

PIRACY PROBLEM.

THE ATTITUDE OF JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

Japan does not appear to be disposed to associate herself with the active measures now being taken against pirates operating in Chinese waters, but she will associate herself in precautionary measures only, taken in common with other Powers.—*Indo-Pacific*.

FRENCH BUDGET.

PASSES THE SENATE.

Paris, Dec. 22.

The Senate, by 273 votes to 17, has passed the Budget in the form showing estimated receipts at 42,497 million francs, with an excess of receipts over expenditure of 196 million francs.—*Reuter*.

ALTITUDE RECORD.

CLAIMED BY AN ITALIAN.

Turin, Dec. 22.

The Italian airman Donati has reached a height of 38,802 feet and has claimed the world record.—*Reuter*.

LETTER GOLF.

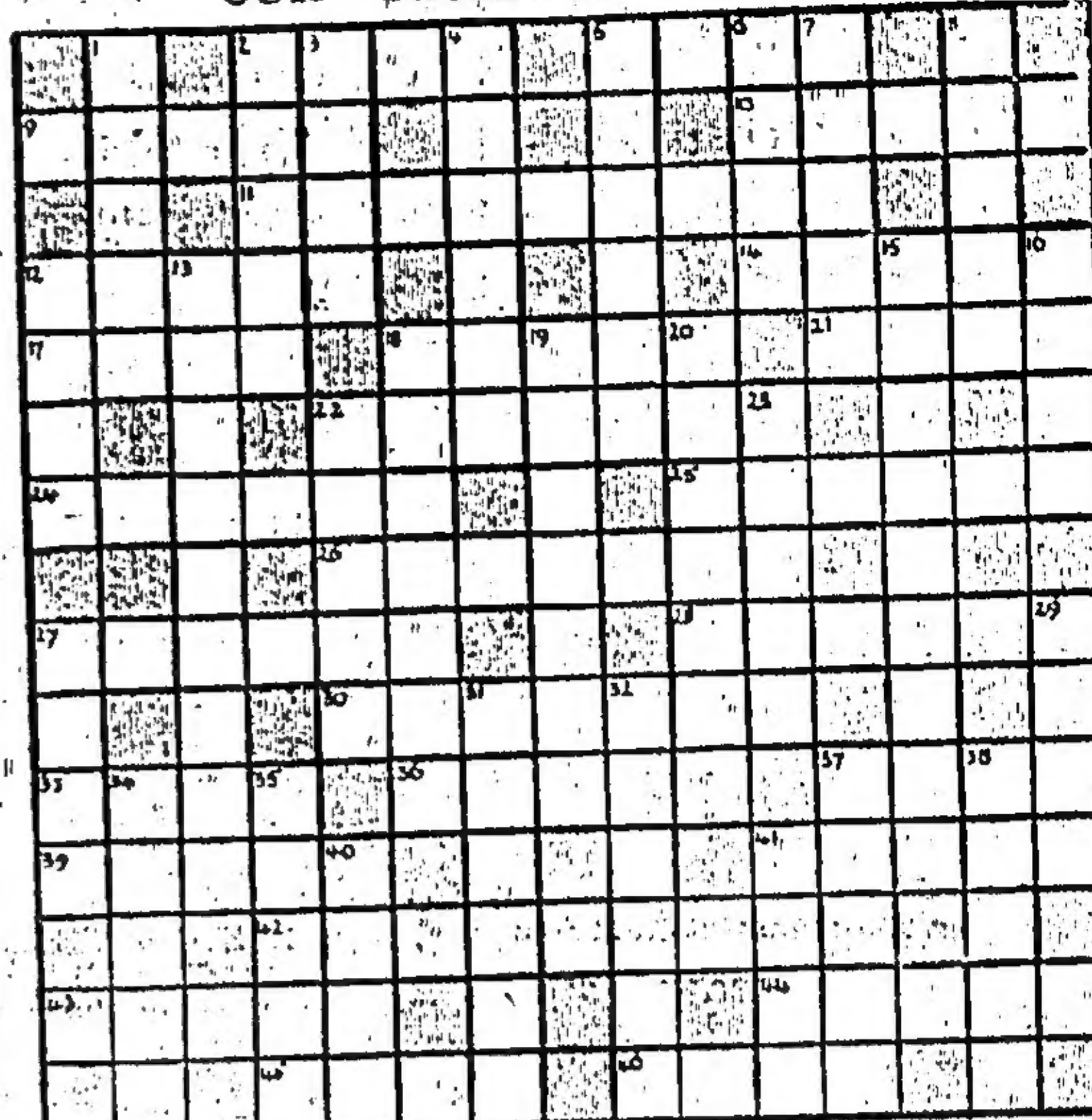
ALL WORK, NO PLAY.

Go from WORK to REST once in a while and live longer. It takes five strokes, according to the par solution.

W	O	R	K
R	E	S	T

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
 2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
 3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
 One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- Undermines.
- Position.
- Hurl.
- A catch (O. T.)
- Brass bass instrument.
- Gall-nut of tamarisk tree.
- Holy book.
- Hebrew month.
- Deadly species of viper.
- Secure.
- Armet.
- Hedylates.
- Rainbows.
- Repaired.
- Small pointed flag.
- Closer.
- Beam forth.
- Peculiar skill.
- Smooth.
- Listen to.
- Fairy.
- Old-fashioned.
- Shrink.
- Prompt.
- Large jug.
- Tibetan priest.

Down.

- Argue in support of a claim.
- Speak derisively.
- Cold fit which precedes a fever.
- Split in a community.
- Writing instrument.
- Stamp of a tree.
- Sieve.
- Ledge.
- Young unmarried woman.
- Collection of musical glass goblets.

- Pennon.
- Snake-like fishes.
- Repository of arms.
- Pertaining to piracy.
- Customers of professional men.
- Principal spindle of a machine.
- Indian buffalo.
- Cogeneity.
- Jewel.
- Floot of a paddle-wheel.
- Part of wireless station.
- Breed of hawks.
- Draw in outline.
- Parts of a culyx with form of a helmet.
- Decree of the Sultan of Turkey.
- Pulled out.
- Cultivate the soil.

Yesterday's Solution.

ACROSS: 1. UNDERMINES. 2. POSITION. 3. HURL. 4. A CATCH (O. T.). 5. BRASS BASS INSTRUMENT. 6. GALL-NUT OF TAMARISK TREE. 7. HOLY BOOK. 8. HEBREW MONTH. 9. DEADLY SPECIES OF VIPER. 10. SECURE. 11. ARMET. 12. HEDYLATES. 13. RAINBOWS. 14. REPAIRED. 15. SMALL POINTED FLAG. 16. CLOSER. 17. BEAM FORTH. 18. PECULIAR SKILL. 19. SMOOTH. 20. LISTEN TO. 21. FAIRY. 22. OLD-FASHIONED. 23. SHRINK. 24. PROMPT. 25. LARGE JUG. 26. TIBETAN PRIEST.

DOWN: 1. ARGUE IN SUPPORT OF A CLAIM. 2. SPEAK DERISIVELY. 3. COLD FIT WHICH PRECEDES A FEVER. 4. SPLIT IN A COMMUNITY. 5. WRITING INSTRUMENT. 6. STAMP OF A TREE. 7. SIEVE. 8. LEDGE. 9. YOUNG UNMARRIED WOMAN. 10. COLLECTION OF MUSICAL GLASS GOBLET.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCALE OF CHARGES.
 Effective 1st January, 1928.

Passengers	1st Class	3rd Class
Per Trip	0.10	0.05
Per Trip Persons under 16 years of age		
Non-Commissioned Officers and Men belonging to Army, Navy, Police and Fire Brigade in Uniform	0.05	0.20
special Ferry 1.00 a.m.		4 copper cents
Islands only are allowed to travel 3rd Class		\$4.00

Book of 100 tickets—Asiatics only 6.00
 Monthly Tickets—Single 2.00
 Monthly Tickets—Single (Persons under 16 years of age) 2.00
 Monthly Tickets—Family (3 persons) 9.00
 Monthly Tickets—Family (4/5 persons) 12.00
 Children under 8 years of age Free
 The following persons will be considered as members of a Family:—Husband, Wife, unmarried Children and Governess, Nurse or Amah, living in the same house.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 F. H. CRAPNELL,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1927.

Buy PURICO

THE UNEXCELLED COOKING FAT

By Blosser

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Something New to Freckles

I WONDER WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO EAT BREAKFAST? BOBBY TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT THEY'D CALL ME ANY I BEEN UP AT LEAST TWO HOURS!

BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANY YOUNG MAN!

THANKS, MISTER LADY!

GEE, BOBBY—I WOULDN'T KNOW YOU WAS WAITIN' WITH BREAKFAST FOR ME IF YOUR FATHER HADN'T TOLD ME!

MY FATHER ISN'T HERE, FRECKLES—MOM AN' AM ARE IN CANADA FISHIN'—

WHO'S THAT MAN IN THE GOLF SUIT THEN IF HE ISN'T YOUR FATHER??

THAT ISN'T A GOLF SUIT, FRECKLES—THAT'S THE BUTLER!!

CADBURY'S FOR XMAS

Fresh Stocks of Cadbury's Chocolates in Fancy Boxes now on display.

THE COLONIAL DISPENSARY
 14, Queen's Road, C. Tel. C. 1877.

Choose well,
your choice is brief,
but endless!
Carlyle.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

What shall I give HER or HIM?

GO TO

WATSON'S

there, in all departments you will find articles and goods in great variety that will make

USEFUL,

ELEGANT and

DESIRABLE

GIFTS

that will please the giver and delight the recipient.

JUST RECEIVED

The December

VICTOR RECORDS

Come in and hear them.

S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.

(Victor Distributors)

HONGKONG.

JAEGER
(Pure Wool)

DRESSING GOWNS



THE AMOUNT OF MENTAL AGONY HUMANITY ENDURES TRYING TO GET OUT OF WARM BEDS ON COLD MORNINGS IS A FEARFUL FEATURE OF MODERN CIVILISATION.

THE SUGGESTION THAT MANKIND SHOULD ONLY ARISE ON ALTERNATIVE DAYS IN WINTER IS ATTRACTIVE. BUT THE LANE, CRAWFORD SUGGESTION OF A COSY JAEGER DRESSING-GOWN IS MORE PRACTICAL.

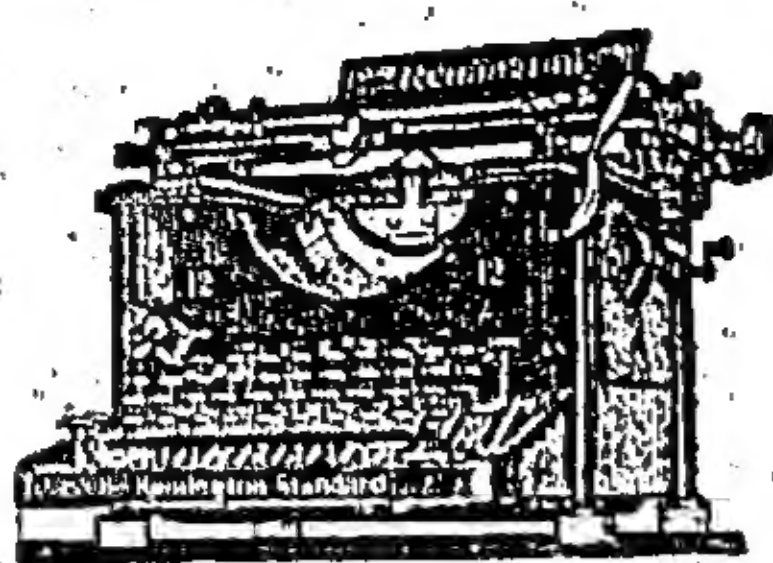
JAEGER FANCY OR CAMEL COLOURED SLIPPERS.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

MEN'S WEAR STYLISTS.

Ground Floor.

Exchange BLDGS.



AN UNPARALLELED TRIUMPH

This is the universal verdict concerning the New Remington Standard 12—a verdict which is reflected in a choice of business offices and business schools everywhere.

Examining this new model and see the many fundamental improvements that Remington has made in typewriter construction. We invite comparison on every count whether ease and speed of operation or quality of work.

Mustard & Co., Ltd.

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Alexandra Buildings,

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1927.

CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE.

Not only in connexion with the celebrations of Armistice Day, when such sentiments are more or less general, but for many days subsequently, earnest peace talk was the remarkable feature of all the leading Home newspapers. Never before has there been such an insistence on the necessity of Britain exerting all her influence on the side of international peace as was maintained during days that followed November 11th, this year, and in the newspapers and journals now coming to hand this feature is being encouragingly commented upon. Lord Rothermere, in his own newspaper the *Daily Mail*, has been conducting a vigorous campaign against what he describes as "Europe's War Peril" and he pleads that it is time to erect a barrier of goodwill. He contended that Europe is sinking into an attitude of armed expectancy exactly similar to that of 1914. He has emphasised the fact that "our expenditure on armaments is now larger than it was before the war; and that in consequence our industrial resources are still so crippled that we can with difficulty meet the demands of the big armament school." The present peace is but "the quietude of the powder magazine that only awaits the spark." and he concluded: "It is the duty of every Government, of whatever political creed, to give us some reassurance that the future will not merely repeat the past or double and treble its terrors." Many other penny papers have expressed the same views, and have given great prominence to the statement by M. Briand, the distinguished French statesman, that "we found nothing in war likely to improve the situation of France even by a new victory." "If you want to organise peace do not be afraid to say so," he added.

This campaign for peace, especially in the popular Tory newspapers, has called forth much comment from writers in more serious journals, and one of them succinctly argues that this demand for disarmament, this "conversion" of the Tory newspaper magnates, is not merely a new "stunt." It is contended that the great leaders of the London press know fairly well what is dimly rising to consciousness in the minds of their public, and as their manner is, they are responding to it. They are themselves too well-informed not to know that peace is the major interest of Britain. This belief is now slowly penetrating through the mass of the British people, and the popular Press knows that it will lose nothing by expressing it. For very many years, the indifference of the newspapers has been a stock subject of despair with pacifists. Here, then, is something new and something good, and it is precisely in the stunt Press that this advocacy is most valuable. These papers reach people who would never read pacifist speeches or leading articles. If the penny Tory Press will take up peace as a stunt so much the better for the cause, and even if, as is the nature of these things, it is soon dropped for something new, good will have been done. If people can be only started thinking about peace, the rest may follow, for the appeal is to fundamentals, and a stunt may start an irresistible pressure upon Governments.

The Motor-Horn Nuisance.

An interesting decision was given by Mr. R. E. Linsell yesterday in the case of a chauffeur who was charged with the offence of blowing a motor-car horn in such manner as to cause annoyance to the public. The Prosecution was taken under one of the first Ordinances passed in the Colony, namely, the Summary Offences Ordinance of 1845. According to that Ordinance under which the case was brought, it is an offence if a person "wantonly or unnecessarily blows any horn, beats any gong or drum, or makes any other noise calculated to annoy or alarm any person or to frighten any horse or other animal." It appears that the police relied on the phrase "blows any horn," and, literally speaking, of course, a motor-car horn would come under that definition. However, account has to be taken of the intention of the Legislature, and, as was remarked during the hearing of the case, it could not have been intended fifty years ago, when the Ordinance was passed, that the words should apply to the motor-horn nuisance. It is on that ground that Mr. Linsell has found the summons "bad." Nevertheless, it would seem clear that prosecutions for the needless blowing of motor-horns can still be taken under the Summary Offences Ordinance, as the nuisance can be dealt with under the words "or any other noise." The case has certainly raised an interesting point, and it is as well that the position should be made clear. Of course, did the Summary Offences Ordinance not apply, it would have been relatively easy to get the point covered by a new regulation under the Traffic Ordinance, but that has now been shown not to be necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I see in your morning contemporary that as the s.s. *Devanah* will not arrive until 9 a.m. to-morrow, the Post Office will not be able to deal with the parcels the same day.

I can see no reason why this should be so, and if the Post Office were conducted on business lines, step would be taken to see the parcels were ready some time to-morrow. I admit that it would probably inconvenience the staff a little, but surely at a time like this, with hundreds of people waiting for their Christmas parcels, the staff could go out of their way if only to allow many of the public to get the Christmas feeling which a parcel from home helps to impart. Whilst no one is keen on overtime, all have to work after hours when pressure of business necessitates.

So I would suggest that the Post Office should close at five o'clock, as usual, for everything but parcels, and that the whole of the staff be then devoted to getting the parcels out. This, I think, could be done by seven o'clock, provided there were proper organisation and the will to do it.—Yours, etc.

I HOPE.

Hongkong, December 23, 1927.

Lady Clementi, having been indisposed, is obliged to cancel all engagements for the present. She had been advised a complete rest until after the New Year. The dance at Government House to-night will not be cancelled.

DAY BY DAY.

FAITH IS THE CHAMPION OF GRACE, AND LOVE THE NURSE; BUT HUMILITY IS THE BEAUTY OF GRACE.—Thomas Brooks.

The Hongkong Telegraph will publish as usual to-morrow, but, on account of the Christmas holidays, its next subsequent issue will be on Tuesday.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on Nov. 17, was Mr. Kye Choo Chan.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of typhoid (two Chinese and one Indian) and one Chinese case of diptheria.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Batavia on account of cholera have been removed.

The Manager of the Glenealy Hotel has reported to the police the theft of clothing from the Hotel yesterday, valued at \$55.

A Chinese girl committed suicide yesterday, by jumping into the harbor from the Macao Wharf. She was only 17 years of age.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the P. and O. s.s. *Kashkar* from Shanghai were Dr. H. G. Warle and Mr. R. E. Coxon.

The death took place at Bognor, on November 19th, of Mrs. J. P. Donovan, whose husband was formerly Commissioner in the Chinese Postal Administration.

The s.s. *Devanah* was taken in hand at Kowloon Dock this morning for overhaul and the s.s. *Kong Ning* from the Wuchow run, to Shamshui for half yearly survey.

Through being knocked down by a public motor-car at the junction of Des Voeux Road West and Western Street yesterday, a Chinese was removed to hospital with a fractured leg.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute the following were elected Fellows:—Mr. Louis H. King, Hongkong, and Mr. Warren S. Dyer, A.M.I.E.E., Shanghai.

A coolie was injured by falling timber yesterday while engaged in unloading lumber from a lighter on to the reclamation at Wai Ching Street, Yau-mai. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

To-day's Observatory report states that the monsoon will freshen along the coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—Northerly winds, moderate, fresh; fine.

West River arrivals to-day state that the situation remains quiet, there having been no interference with the crews, while cargo and passenger figures show an increasing confidence on the part of the merchants.

The picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Wandering Husbands," a domestic drama with an unusual climax. The leading players are James Kirkwood, Lila Lee and Margaret Livingston.

Thirteen dozen black woollen jerseys were stolen from the Kai Sang Knitting Factory at Shamshui yesterday, according to a report reaching the Yau-mai Police. The value of the stolen goods is stated to be \$225.

While proceeding along Des Voeux Road West yesterday on his motor-cycle, a sub-officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr. E. Tuck, collided with a Chinese woman at the junction of Centre Street. The woman received head injuries and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 11 arrivals and 12 departures, leaving 70 vessels in harbour, British 23. British arrivals and departures numbered five and six respectively, all ships of the nationality registering cargo both inward and through, with fair totals. Norwegian carried the heaviest inward cargoes and Japanese the highest through freights of the day.

A draft of Coldstream Guards left Windsor on Nov. 19 en route for China. The detachment, under the command of Lieut. G. H. B. Madocks, is going out to relieve the time-expired men and a class of reservists of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, who are returning home. The party, headed by the drum and fife band of the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were given a hearty send-off. The detachment proceeded to the Tower of London, where they joined a detachment of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards. The combined draft was to leave London on Nov. 22 for Southampton, to embark for China.

HONGKONG POLICE CHANGES.

A NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

A number of important changes are to be effected in regard to the organization and status of senior officers in the Hongkong Police Force.

As from the 1st January, 1928, Mr. Walter Kent, now Chief Inspector at Police Headquarters, will be promoted to the substantive rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, following in the footsteps of the former Chief Inspector, Mr. James Kerr, who was Assistant Superintendent when he retired on pension, two years ago.

Inspector Peter Grant, now in charge of the Western Division, will then become Acting Chief Inspector at Police Headquarters, in addition to his other duties, while Inspector Charles Aris, commanding the Kowloon Division, will be appointed to the new post of Acting Chief Inspector (Kowloon). The last-named post has just been created, in recognition of the growing needs of the Kowloon Peninsula and the mainland.

Hongkong and the mainland will, as a result of these new appointments, each have a Deputy Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Inspector. Mr. W. G. Gerrard is the Assistant Superintendent of Kowloon, having been appointed to the rank when an Inspector some years ago.

LOCAL PICTURES.

OUR LIST FOR TO-MORROW.

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain a very interesting collection of local news pictures, including photographs taken at the official landing on Wednesday of Rear Admiral Stolz, the Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron in Far Eastern waters; the football match R.A.F. v. Chinese Athletic; and a group photograph taken at Tai-koo on the occasion of the Closing Day of the lawn bowls section.

Other pictures include a group of prominent members of the local German community being entertained by the Hamburg-America Line on board the motor vessel *Vogland*; and a picture of H.M.S. *Hawkins* "Mirth Makers" who gave a successful concert a few nights ago.

Of more than usual interest will be two pictures showing the new fore part of the s.s. *Tijlshoet* which has been built at Tai-koo Dock and the old main part, just before the joining up which is now being carried out.

BEAM WIRELESS.

PREDICTION OF MARCONI'S CHAIRMAN.

London, Dec. 22.

The early installation of a commercial telephone service to all countries served by the beam system, was foreshadowed by Lord Inverforth at the annual meeting of the Marconi Company, which adopted the Directors' report on the effects of reconstruction, recommending the payment of a dividend of sixpence per share.

Lord Inverforth drew attention to the Company's progress, and said that hitherto the results of the South African and Indian companies gave reason for optimism. As regards the controversy, Cables versus Wireless, he said that nothing must be done to deprive the trading interests of the Empire of the advantages of beam wireless.—*Reuter*.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 22.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.01
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.55 1/2
Helsingfors	19.83
Lisbon	27.71 1/2
Buenos Aires	7.00
Shanghai	4.77
Yokohama	2.7
New York	1.10 13/16
Geneva	4.88 11/32
Milan	25.25
Stockholm	9.24
Oslo	18.07
Prague	18.84
Madrid	20.17 1/2
Athens	3.65 1/2
Rio	5.29 3/32
Bombay	1.63 3/32
Hongkong	2.0
Silver (spot)	23.71 1/2
Silver (forward)	23.91

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Manager of Accident Insurance Company—"So you're positive that her accident was faked?"

Investigator—"Sure. She said her heel caught in the hem of her dress!"

"Kiss-proof" lipsticks, which have just been introduced in London, sell like hot cakes, according to the perfumers, who have observed that maids as well as matrons have been pleased with this novelty. It is also claimed for the colour of the new sticks that neither hot tea, coffee nor any other liquid affects them. Many young men, it is revealed, have bought samples for women friends.

The little tot asked dad to help. Her with her problems, so Dad sat right down, and soon found out. How much he didn't know.

Counsel, to witness, in the Shoreditch County Court: "Was this motorist on the right side of the road?" Witness: "Oh, yes, he was on the left all right."

Hackney woman, "scornfully speaking of her lodger, at Shoreditch County Court: 'He is called a polished gentleman—they must look at his boots.'"

Man at Stratford, fined 40s. for assaulting his wife, turned to her and said: "I have no money; pay my fine, dear."

"I was once fortunate enough to find a sovereign between the wooden ledges on top of an omnibus. I gave it to the conductor, who seemed quite suspicious of me. It was not very encouraging."—Mr. Bingley, magistrate, at Marylebone.

Typewriting is the newest fad in London's Mayfair society circles. Most hostesses now type their own invitations to dinners and dances on embossed notepaper with a thought to the colour of the typewriter ribbons. These are provided in several shades to meet the demand of the smartest women.

Every minister of religion thanks God for football.—Rev. J. Shepherd.

They do not speak English in Illinois, but American—"Big Bill" Thompson.

The tyranny of glaring wealth has been substituted for that of kings.—Rev. H. Dunnico, M.P.

It is true I powder my nose, but surely that is not a crime. Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe (the ex-Kaiser's sister).

An American newspaper has an advertisement:—

"Stenographer for special work after hours. Prefer one who has no college education, as the work will require correct spelling and punctuation and the use of common-sense."

One of H.M. inspectors, while examining a class in a city school, asked if any boy or girl among them had ever seen "driven snow" and where? He received a very unexpected and humorous answer. After a long pause, a boy held up his hand and said, "Yes, sir; I've seen it carted along our streets."

Some people find the *Times* a proxy newspaper. But this adjective can never be applied to its personal advertisements that are commonly described as its "ugly column." The most varied material is found there. It is even the vehicle for obscure poets to get their work before the public. In a recent issue the following appeared over the writer's name and address: "Adam and Eve came back to earth, to see the latest designs of Worth. Said Eve to Adam, 'Adam, dear, there's not much change since we were here.'"

Doctor—"As I said, you've just regained consciousness after the crash, I'm Dr. Peter and—"

Victim—"Oh! for a second you gave me a shock. I thought you said you were St. Peter."

"The Last Days of Pompeii," one of the most spectacular films ever produced, depicting the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of the city of Pompeii, will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture cost \$100,000 to make, required a year to complete, and employed 45,000 persons. Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the length of the picture, screening begins promptly at the advertised times. The orchestra plays at 5.00 and 6.30 and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

MOSCOW NOTE.

DENIAL OF CANTON PLOTTING.

NANKING'S RIGHT DOUBTED.

A reply to the Nationalist Government's note ordering the closing of Soviet consulates in territory under the Nationalist Government's administration was handed to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai, last Saturday night. The reply bore the signature of M. Chicherin, Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and practically denies the right of the Nationalist Government to expel Soviet consular officials whose appointments were made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government.

The Note.

The Note, handed to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, was in Russian and was being translated into Chinese at a late hour last night. A draft of the translation into English is as follows:

"1. The Soviet Government has never recognized the so-called Chinese Nationalist Government at Nanking in whose name the note of December 15 was handed to the Consul-General of the U.S.S.R. in Shanghai. The Nationalist Government must be acquainted with the fact that all consulates of the U.S.S.R. exist on Chinese territory in consequence of the treaty concluded between China and the U.S.S.R. and signed in Peking in 1924 and that all the appointments of the Consuls for Shanghai as well as in any other places in China were made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government.

"The Shanghai authorities as well as all other local Chinese authorities have only taken notice of this appointment. In consideration of these facts the statement in the note of the Nationalist Government concerning the cancellation of the recognition of the consuls in the different provinces can only mean that the generals who have seized the power in Nanking acting under the pressure of the Imperialists have thought it advisable to have in the territory under their domination especially the consuls of such powers as are maintaining the unequal treaties with the Chinese.

Repudiates Statement.

"2. The Soviet Government has to repudiate in the most energetic manner the completely unfounded statement contained in the note of December 15 to the effect that the Soviet Consulates and the state commercial agencies are to be considered responsible for the Red propaganda and as an asylum for the Communists. We have to repudiate especially in a most energetic way the allegation that our consulate in Canton was guiding the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants in Kwangtung. It is an old attempt to consider the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants in China as a consequence of the activities of the Soviet official institution. For years already the enemies of the Chinese people, the Imperialists of all countries, consider the great revolutionary movement of the Chinese people as a consequence of the intrigues of exterior forces. The fact that the Nationalist Government at Nanking is repeating now the counter-revolutionary legends of the suppressors of the Chinese people proves better than anything else whose will the Nationalist Government is actually performing now.

"3. The Soviet Government is convinced that the attitude of the Chinese authorities in Shanghai will do harm to all of the Chinese people and to the Nationalist interests of China and the people who so lightly start a hostile policy against the U.S.S.R. will be the first who will feel the harm thereof.

"CHICHERIN,
Peoples' Commissar for
Foreign Affairs.
December 16, 1927."

Japanese Press Views.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
The vernacular papers evince considerable interest in the Nationalist Government's rupture with the Soviet.

The Chugai, commenting on the break, considers that it helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to "redden" the world has failed.

The paper fears, however, that the Soviet barked in China, may seek more fertile soil elsewhere, and therefore, warns Japan that she must be on her guard.

Japan Not to Interfere.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.
General Baron Tanaka, the Premier and Foreign Minister, in a Press interview, said:

"There is a rumour that General Chiang Kai-shek will ask for the assistance of Japan and Britain in connection with the severance

WILL OF THE LATE MR. C. KLING.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE AT SHANGHAI.

T.S. 200,000 IN HONGKONG.

In the United States Court for China, at Shanghai, on Monday, Mr. F. J. Schull presented the will of the late Mr. Charles Kling for probate, and informed Judge M. D. Purdy that an estate of about T.S. 200,000 had been left in Hongkong, and about T.S. 15,000 in Shanghai. Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., represented a daughter of deceased in Manila.

Judge Purdy ordered the usual publication of citations for three weeks.

Mr. Schull requested the Court's permission to question Mr. S. H. Lewis, who drew up the will, as the latter intended leaving for Penang before the end of the year.

Permission being granted, Mr. Lewis said that he drew up the will in January, this year, whilst deceased was confined in the Victoria Nursing Home. At all times his mind seemed clear, whilst witness took instructions.

Replying to his Honour, witness said that deceased died in September, this year.

Mr. Bryan elicited from witness that deceased left hospital before he died, and that Captain Messers, husband of one daughter, who is to receive a large part of the income, asked witness to call on the late Mr. Charles Kling. According to the provisions of the will, a son in America is to receive T.S. 12,000, there is a trust fund of T.S. 50,000 for a blind son in Hongkong, of the residue counsel's client has a life interest in one-quarter, her son to have the principal on her death, whilst Mrs. Messers is to receive three-quarters of the residue. Witness also told the Court that there had been a former will, which deceased, after adding a codicil, destroyed.

His Honour over-ruled Mrs. Bryan's questions regarding the provisions of the destroyed document and the case was adjourned.

GREYHOUNDS FOR SHANGHAI.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

The greyhounds which are on the way to Shanghai aboard the Glenloch arrived in Hongkong today. On the whole they are standing the journey well, but six faint ebbs through, lying on deck and died. A litter of pups were born aboard the boat in Penang Harbour.

The Shanghai race-manager, Capt. Jones in an interview with the Peking Gazette said he did not see why they should not use the tote, as in horse racing. This betting system, he believed, checked the project of a dog track in Singapore.

ROCKET EXPLOSION.

EMPRESS "BOYS" INJURED.

A serious accident occurred on board the Empress of Russia as she was lying at the Kowloon Docks yesterday.

Finding time rather heavy on their hands as the liner was in dry dock, three mess-room boys conceived a little diversion. They brought out an old rocket, applied a match to the fuse, and waited for developments. These came in one course. There was an explosion, and the three boys, who appeared to have an inadequate knowledge of the handling of their plaything, were seriously injured, all in the face and body, being subsequently removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS.

QUIET FAMILY PARTY.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
Their Majesties, the King and Queen, with their little granddaughter, Princess Elizabeth, left London to-day for Sandringham, where Christmas will be spent in the customary way of making it a Royal family party.—British Wireless.

of relations between the Nanking Government and Moscow, but the Japanese Government has no intention whatever of rendering assistance to General Chiang and the Kuomintang in the matter. The severance of the relations between Nanking and Moscow is only a local matter, I suppose, because the Nanking Government is not established on a firm basis. It is, therefore, doubtful whether the Nanking Government's action can be regarded as a severance of diplomatic relations.—Toho.

CHINA PROBLEMS.

CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED.

THE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

The annual dinner of the China Association was held in the King Edward VII Rooms at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, on Nov. 21.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Southborough, the President, was in the chair, and among the large gathering were the following: Mr. L. N. Leefe, Sir William Rees Davies, Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. David Landale, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Claud Severn, Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. H. J. Gedge, Mr. H. Hancock, Mr. P. L. Knight, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. T. Peirce, Sir Newton Stubb, Mr. G. E. Towns and Mr. P. R. Wolff.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," said: With some experience of the kind of thing, he had become more and more astonished every year as to how it was that some sixteen or twenty distinguished men could be found to grapple with the enormous problems of the government of the British Empire. They drank their health, for that was one interpretation of the term, but least might also mean to scorch by fire—laughter—and that was the more frequent application. The congestion of worldwide business had in fact a bearing upon the difficulties which surrounded the great questions affecting the minds of all. They had, for instance, the keen desire of the young ladies of Britain to vote for His Majesty's Ministers—and others—laughter—and at the same time they were confronted with the apparently fixed determination of the Hindus to decline the vote either for themselves or for anybody else. It was, in fact, with His Majesty's Ministers a case of everything "from Peru to China." His noble friend, Lord Peel, First Commissioner of Works, who had honoured them with his presence that evening—applause—would find that there were penit in that Association who would at once put him upon a myrtle carpet and wait him away to the Far East.

Association's Work.

It was at that annual dinner of the China Association that they liked to speak of the high and important part the Association had played for many years in China and in London. They liked to feel that the great trading interests which were being assisted by that Association had done much to magnify the position of the British Empire in the Far East—and what was true of their people had been of equal import and assistance to the Chinese themselves. (Hear, hear.) He would have liked to deal lightly with the subject of China, but they all recognised that their hearts were not light when they thought of the chaos and misery which existed in that great country. They were bound, then, as an Association, to think seriously and daily of the troubled state of

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ITALY AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

HOW MUSSOLINI KEPT HIS PROMISE.

"COMPLETELY VICTORIOUS."

Rome, Dec. 22.
Signor Mussolini, in explaining to the Cabinet the reasons for the return to the gold standard, recalled his speech in August, 1926, when he proclaimed his determination to defend the Lira to the uttermost and to brush mercilessly aside all opposing this work of salvation. His defence of the Lira had been completely victorious and all depreciatory and speculative efforts had failed. A further improvement was possible but undesirable because it would lead to periodical shams reacting prejudicially on the State and taxpayers. He added that the present rate of the Lira was remarkable because it corresponded to the world price of gold.—Reuter.

Bonds Rise in U.S.

New York, Dec. 22.
Following the stabilisation of the Lira, the strength of Italian issues was the outstanding feature of the bond market, the entire Italian list, including industrial, Government and Municipal obligations, shooting up nearly two points.—Reuter's American Service.

New Rates of Exchange.

Rome, Dec. 22.
The new rates of the Lira are as follows:—
£ Sterling 99.16
\$ Dollar 19.00
Gold Lira 3.66
—Reuter.

GS125,000,000.

Rome, Dec. 22.
In connexion with Italy's return to the gold standard an agreement was concluded in London with the Governors of the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credits of GS125,000,000 of which GS75,000,000 will be provided from fourteen big banks in States having a gold standard and GS50,000,000 from Morgan's.—Reuter.

American Opinion.

Washington, Dec. 22.
In view of the close relationship of the Lira and the franc, Mr. Mellon and the Federal Reserve Board believe that Italy's adoption of the gold standard is probably the forerunner of similar action by France.
Mr. Mellon is of opinion that Italy's action will not require a substantial exportation of gold from the United States and will not appreciably affect business since banking circles had been aware of the negotiations for some time.
Meanwhile, the Vice Governor of the Federal Reserve Board calls attention to the fact that Spain has sufficient stocks of gold to adopt the gold basis at any time.—Reuter's American Service.

THE U.S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

H.M. THE KING'S MESSAGE.

London, Dec. 22.

His Majesty, the King has sent the following message to President Coolidge, "I am deeply grieved at the sad loss of the Submarine S4 involving so great a loss of life, and I desire to assure the American people, more especially the bereaved families, of my heartfelt sympathy in this national calamity."—Reuter.

THIEF ENTERS POLICE QUARTERS.

AN INSPECTOR'S LOSS.

It is not often that such an instance occurs as one that took place yesterday, when a thief broke into the room occupied by Police Sergeant Hopkins, at the Police Quarters in China Road, and stole \$147 worth of money, clothing and jewellery.

It was revealed that entry was effected in the early hours of the morning, a chisel probably having been used to force open a window.

PETROLEUM FIELDS.

JAPANESE ADMIRALTY INTERESTED.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.
The Japanese Admiralty is proceeding quickly with a programme for the exploitation of petroleum fields in the region of Sakhalien and in Formosa for the value which these resources will present from the strategic point of view.—Indo-pacific.

CANTON PUZZLE.

MUCH SPECULATION PREVAILS.

SOME POSSIBLE OUTCOMES.

The precarious political position prevailing in Kwangtung at the moment is causing considerable conjecture after the "Red" coup had been suppressed. It was reported that General Wang Ki-cheung, Mr. Chu Hui-yi, the Chief of the Canton Police, and Messrs. Chang Fat-kwei and Chan Kung-pok, both Commissioners of the Canton Political Council, tendered their resignations. Then came a report that Chang Fat-kwei and Chan Kung-pok declared that they would remain at their posts, while Chu Hui-yi asserted that he would continue to hold the office of Chief of Police.

Reports in connexion with the "Ironside" military leaders appear to be even more puzzling, for recently Generals Hsieh Yo, Li Fuk-lum, Chiang Fat-kwei and Wong Ki Cheung made it definitely known to Canton people that they would combine efforts in exterminating the "Reds" in Kwangtung, while the next day a Canton report stated that the troops of Generals Hsieh Yo and Li Fuk-lum had indicated their antagonistic attitude to the armies supporting General Wang Ki-cheung.

Uncertainty undoubtedly also prevails along the East and West Rivers. A few days ago it was said that conditions on the West River were tense while those on the East River were relaxed, but to-day the Chinese reports state that conditions on both rivers are tense.

The "Leftist" Viewpoint.

To explain the puzzling situation at Canton one has to consider the circumstances confronting the contending parties. Despite reports to the contrary, it can be said that the "Leftists," headed by Generals Chang Fat-kwei, Wang Ki-cheung and Messrs. Chan Kung-pok and Kam Nai-kwong, have decided to endeavour to hold Canton by voicing the "Canton for the Cantonese" slogan, the movement being against Generals Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung, both of whom are Kwangsi men. Thus the "Leftists" outwardly allege their intention of resigning from their posts "to comfort the Cantonese" on the one hand and to delay the return of the armies of the Kwangsi-ites on the other. Meanwhile, they are busy negotiating with neutral Kwangtung generals like Chan Ming-shiu, whose main force is in Fukien, and Chien Ta-chun, and Pang Ting-yang, whose soldiers are in Hunan. In certain Chinese circles, it is thought that the Canton "Leftists" have a plan to share Kwangtung with the above three neutral Kwangtung militarists, rather than to let the Kwangsi-ites return. This explains why Wang Ki-cheung while he was at Shanghai, tried his best to prevent the Nanking Government despatching a punitive expedition to Kwangtung to fight the "Ironside."

Chiang Kai-shek's Position.

In the coming struggle in the South, Chiang Kai-shek's role will, (Continued on Page 11.)

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who are these people: Sir Alan Cobham; Mr. W. C. Bridgeman; Sir John Gilmour; Lady Iveagh?
- 2 Where in London is the poet Milton buried?
- 3 Where are the following famous buildings: Osborne House; Chertsey; Cutlers' Hall; the Doge's Palace; the Vatican?
- 4 What formalities are necessary in executing a will or codicil?
- 5 In what operas are these songs: "The Toreador"; "The Mump"; "The Toreador"; "The Prize Song"; "The Jewel Song"; "Brightest"; "The Jewel Song"?
- 6 Who is the present French Minister for War?
- 7 Where are these colleges: Sidney Sussex; Caius; Wadham; Owens; Lancing?
- 8 Name the first novel written by Margaret Kennedy, author of the present "Daily Express" serial.
- 9 Who is the present Archbishop of York?
- 10 With what sports are the following Trophies: Anson; Gold Cup; The English Cup; King's Prize; Ashburton; Shield; Walker Cup?
- 11 Of what countries are the following the rulers: King Fuad; King Feisal; King Haakon; King Alfonso; King Michael; King Boris?
- 12 Is a man liable for the debts contracted by his wife before her marriage?



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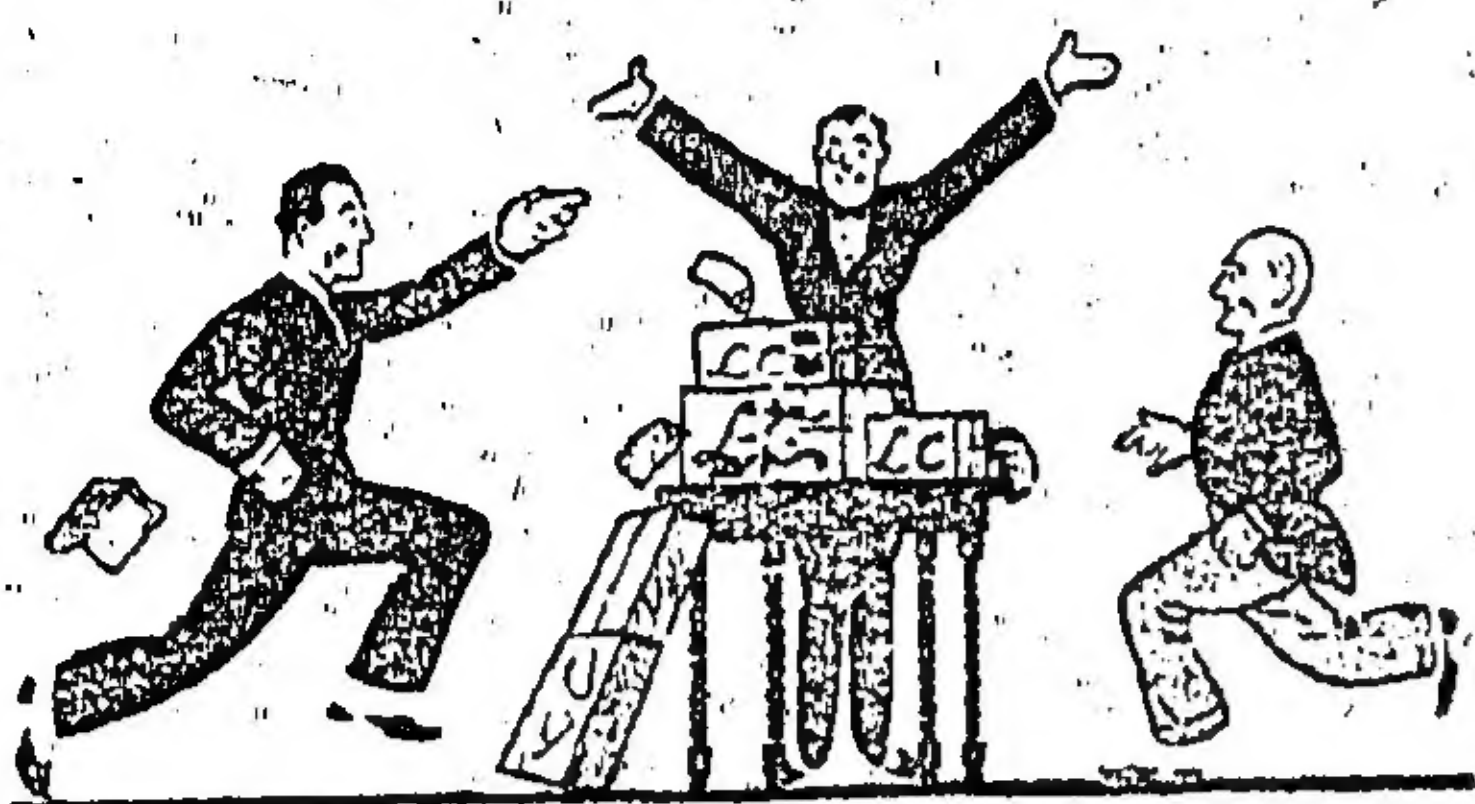
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21 YEARS' AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 22nd 1906:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 24.2.15/16d.

For the first time, the American Court for China, which superseded the old system of Consular Courts, was opened in Shanghai.

A coolie was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Mr. J. R. Craig, late Chief Clerk of Kowloon Docks.

The Club Lusitano in Hongkong celebrated its 40th anniversary with an "At Home."

The Scottish Masonic Quadrille Association advertised a dance at the City Hall.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough disposed of a big lot of property in Kowloon, with frontages on Coronation Road, Granville Road and Kimberley Road. This was Kowloon Inland Lot 546, with an area of 423,232 square feet. Mr. S. Bismy was the purchaser at \$116,050.

H. R. H. Prince Valdemar of Denmark and H. R. H. Prince George of Greece arrived in Hongkong by the East Asiatic Company's steamer Birma.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

SINGAPORE MAN PLEADS GUILTY.

Mr. N. C. Beggs was charged in the Police Court, Singapore, last Tuesday, with attempting to commit suicide. He pleaded guilty and told the Magistrate that he had been out of work for six months. The only money he received was \$100 a month from his mother.

Accused said that he had been offered some work at Johore but when he went there he was shown a Singapore newspaper containing a report of the incident at the Europa Hotel in which he was involved. He lost the job.

He had been carrying about a bottle of "personal tablets" for the past six months. A few nights ago he went to a public house and after a few drinks he took 25 tablets of the drug. He had been in the East thirteen years without a break.

Accused was sent to hospital.

RUSSIAN TEA BUYERS.

ALLOWED TO CARRY ON.

Shanghai, Dec. 22. The Nationalist Government is allowing the Centro Suius, the big tea buyers for the Chinese Eastern Railway agency, to carry on under supervision.—Reuter.

Transfer to Kobe.

Shanghai, Dec. 22. It is understood that the operating staff of the Soviet Trade Mission will stay in Kobe.—Reuter.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



HOLIDAY SOCCER.

THE INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.

OUR INTERPORT TEAM.

[By "Wanderer."]

League football will be practically at a standstill over the Christmas holidays, attention being diverted to the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition, and the Interport Trial.

The league fixtures scheduled are re-arrangements and are four in number, one Senior division, none of the matches having any considerable bearing on the destination of honours.

The week-end fixtures are as follows:

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP.

Monday, Scotland v. Portugal.—Club, 3.45 p.m.
Tuesday, England v. South China.—Club, 3.45 p.m.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

Saturday, Possibles v. Navy.—Club, 3.45 p.m.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Senior Division.

Queen's v. South China.—S. China, Sat., 4 p.m.

Junior Division "A."

R.A. v. Club.—Sookunpoo, Sat., 2.30 p.m.
Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon.—Kowloon, Sat., 2.30 p.m.

Junior Division "B."

Boy Scouts v. S. China "A."—S. China, Sat., 2.30 p.m.

The Interport Trial.

The thing of note about the Interport Trial to-morrow, which is the most attractive feature on the card, is that the Association declare the Hongkong team to be the Probables. This is of special interest because the two backs engaged are the Chinese Athletic pair, Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tai, and one wonders if the Selection Committee seriously contemplates choosing them both.

Should this be the case there will be much shaking of heads among players who have had experience of Shanghai grounds. The Chinese pair, as a pair, are undoubtedly the leading backs in this Colony, but it is a very moot point whether they would show up nearly so prominently in Shanghai, where grounds are so much heavier and softer than those in Hongkong.

More confidence would be felt in circles fitted to judge if Hongkong chooses to rely for one of the places at least on that old stalwart, Wynne, who if he has occasionally shown a lapse of form is still very much on the list of dependable backs, and whose Interport experience would stand him in good stead. It must be well-known and taken into consideration that Wynne has far more work thrown upon him in any match here this season, and once in good company I have no doubt he would justify in every way his selection.

I, too, would prefer to see Hooper, of the Queen's Regiment, alongside Wynne in the Interport team, but the restriction regarding Service players seems to put this out of the question.

The team as selected will probably prove too good for the Royal Navy, though it might be a good thing if victory failed to come, and thus forced the selectors to have another look round before their final decision is made. The back positions are not the only ones open to criticism.

Scotland's Side.

Only three civilians are included in Scotland's team to meet Portugal (the Club de Recreo) on Monday in the International Charity Cup game, the result being a very strong side. This is not intended as a slur upon civilians, but it must be admitted that civilian talent is begrudgingly this season to a greater extent than ever before.

Portugal's team will have a slight advantage at the beginning in teamwork, but the Club de Recreo have suffered considerably as the result of injuries to players, and the result does not appear to be in very much doubt.

RESULT OF FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE SHARED BY SEVEN.

Last week's coupon in our football competition proved to be a difficult one, no competitor succeeding in forecasting more than eight matches correctly on any one coupon.

The prize is shared by the following seven competitors, each with eight correct:

Chas. J. Becker,
P. O. Box 372.

Luiz Cruz,
4, Pilmek Street, Kowloon.

A. A. Antunes,
6, Ashley Terrace, Kowloon.

H. F. Jason,
31, Ice House Street.

A. da Silva,
532, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A. Smith,
H.Q. & D.E. R.A. Stonecutters.

D. Rogers,
Victoria Barracks.

Will the above kindly call at this office for their prize money?

SQUASH RACKETS.

CHAMPION RETAINS TITLE.

London, Dec. 22. Lieutenant Sanderford retained the Royal Marines squash rackets championship to-day when he beat Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Mackenzie in the final.—British Wireless.

England's Task.

The great match of the Christmas holidays will be that between England and South China. England is powerfully represented, but they have before them a big task. South China's team will, of necessity, almost, be the Chinese Athletic eleven, which has gone through the season without defeat up to date.

It may be taken for granted, however, that England will not go under without a very big struggle, and if they overcome the disadvantage of lack of knowledge of one another's methods at an early stage of the game, it would not be surprising should they qualify to meet the winners of Monday's game.

The League Games.

The only Senior game, the Queen's Regiment versus South China, looks a good thing for the military side.

The R.A. Reserves should be comfortable winners against the Club Reserves in the Junior Division "A," but a keener duel is anticipated at Kowloon where the mainlanders' reserves meet Chinese Athletic Reserves. The Kowloon team is just beginning to find its feet and should win. Kowloon's first eleven is playing a friendly game against H.M.S. Hawkins following the league match.

International Teams.

The following will represent Scotland against Portugal on Monday:—

Rodger (Club); Hirst (Scots Guards); Martin (K.O.S.B.); MacBride (Club); Stewart (Club); Carswell (Scots Guards); Campbell (K.O.S.B.); Humphreys (K.O.S.B.); McNiven (Scots Guards); McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.); and Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.). Stewart will be the captain. Reserves:—Farlow (H.M.S. Titania); Oram (H.K.P.); and Sherry (H.K.P.).

The following will represent England against South China on Tuesday:—

Avery (R.A.F.); Wynne (Police); and Bishop (Club); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Sims (Kowloon); and Watson (Club); Larking (Queen's Regt.); Northey (Kowloon); Vernon (R.A.F.); Leach (R.A.); and Herridge (Queen's Regt.) Reserves:—Wheeler (Kowloon); Brittain (Police); Barclay (Queen's Regt.); and C. Pile (Kowloon). England will play in white.

A 14-year-old girl, the daughter of an amah employed at No. 17, Hing Hon Road, was fatally injured yesterday, in a fall from the cockloft. She died on the way to hospital. The case has also been reported of a coolie who was injured seriously when, during his sleep, he tumbled down from the cockloft of a house at West Point.

FANLING HUNT.

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING.

(By "Rambler.")

The next Fanling Hunt meeting is to be held at Kwanti to-morrow, Saturday, and it can be taken for granted that it will be a huge success. The entries are good, and numerous local and Blasco owners are taking strong teams to the meeting. I have been informed by Dr. Pierce Grove, the genial Master of the Fanling Hounds, that the track is in good condition, and, providing the weather continues to be fine, an excellent week-end should be assured to those who are fortunate in being able to make the trip.

Candidates' Chances Considered.

BLOTTING PAPER.—Ridden by Skrine, scored in comfortable fashion at the last meeting, although running second to Humdinger in the first race. He may again run well, but has a lot more to do at the next outing.

CIRCE.—After several futile attempts on the flat, has been entered for the Maiden's and with Mr. Sewell up may possibly contribute to get his head in front sufficiently long enough to allow the Judge to post him a winner.

DEER HOUND.—Was very unlucky to have lost at the last meeting owing to a crash at the last hurdle but one. However, after being remounted he succeeded in running second and on this display can be held to have quite a respectable chance wherever he appears on Saturday.

CHERITON VALE.—Certainly one of the very best long distance chasers that we have seen at Kwanti. Wherever he starts he should bring home the bacon.

EASTER DAY.—A first-class hurdler who just romps over the country and enjoys it. Although well handicapped, cannot fail to figure prominently.

HUMDINGER.—May not possibly be as good as his name implies; still, he should give a very good account of himself.

JAMES PIGG.—In my idea, he is one of the best performers we have at Kwanti, and, being a weight carrier, will be very dangerous over any distance.

MORE BETTER.—Has been thereabouts in almost every race he has been entered in and although beaten by James Pigg on the last occasion he was not disgraced and is sure to be in the picture if he is reserved for the big race.

THE SCOOTER.—In beating all save the unconsidered Yorks at Kwanti last Sunday, put up a sterling performance, and I am prepared to see him make a bold bid at Saturday's meet.

THE GOMERIL.—Ran a very fine race at Kwanti last Sunday. Considering this was his first appearance over the sticks, his second to Easter Day was a well-merited performance.

VELOZ.—Macao fans declare he is a real good fencer and if up to form will acquit himself creditably. He is the Governor of Macao's nomination, and I sincerely hope he will be returned a winner.

NOWGLI.—I had almost forgotten our old friend, who, despite his spill at the last meeting, will try the best of the cracks who may be opposed to him.

CASTLE, CHERRY BRANDY CHICK TO, IRON GENERAL, MAN OF WAR, MA KOU SIAC, PEKIN, SUNNING, SIX HUNDRED, FLASH STAR, HONEYMOON, and WILD FELLOW.—Have all done their little bit on the flat, but whether they are likely to prove handy over the sticks remains to be seen.

M.C.C. V. SOUTH AFRICA.

TWO-DAY MATCH DRAWN.

Benoni, Dec. 22. The two-day match here between a South African eleven and the M.C.C. was drawn.

The South Africans batted first and were all dismissed for 86, Hammond doing the damage by taking six wickets for 32 runs. In their second innings, the South Africans made 305, Trotter being top scorer with 76.

The M.C.C. in their innings, made 323, Holmes contributing 128 and Hammond 61.—Reuter.

GREYHOUND RACING.

A SLUMP IN SHARES.

London, Dec. 22. Shares of greyhound racecourse companies slumped heavily on the Stock Exchange as a result of the statement made by the Home Secretary that restrictive legislation might be considered by the Government.—British Wireless.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 24th:—

DIVISION I.

Arsenal	v	Everton.
Derby	v	Birmingham.
Sheffield U.	v	Bolton W.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Blackpool.
Leeds	v	Stoke.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Newport	v	Southend.
Plymouth	v	Crystal P.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Bradford	v	Chesterfield.
Halifax	v	Wrexham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde	v	St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v	St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v	Hearts.

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Plymouth	v	Crystal P.
Bradford	v	Chesterfield.
Halifax	v	Wrexham.
Clyde	v	St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v	St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v	Hearts.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI PROBABLES WIN MATCH.

In miserable weather and under most unfavourable conditions, last Saturday's trial match between the Probables and Possibles took place at the Pioneer Field, Shanghai, the former winning by 2-0. Owing to the rain of the previous 24 hours the ground was in a sodden state so that virtually every time a player kicked the ball he would have to pick himself up from the ground. Control of the ball with any degree of accuracy was impossible, and in the circumstances as a "Trial Match" it was a waste of time. None of the 22 men could give of his best. It is to be hoped that another trial match will be arranged under more favourable conditions.

The teams were somewhat different from those originally published, especially the "Possibles," who had four reserves playing, while the Probables were without Baxter on the right wing. The line-ups were:—

Probables:—Goldsmith; Hathaway; Palmer; Pote-Hunt; Costa; Hurry; King; Wright; Goldman; Lee Wilson.

Possibles:—Loveland; Wilkinson; Marcal; Crawford; Gash; Spencer; Turner; Tai; Smith; Wiseman; Stoke.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 399. Hongkong Volunteer De-
fence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel
L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, Dec. 23 1927.

1. Musketry.

Sunday, 8th January, 1928. Re-
serve Company and Casuals will fire
Part II, Table T, at Stonecutters
Range; full details will be published
later.

2. Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have
not yet fired Part II. Lists of names
are posted on Corps Notice Boards.
All such will make arrangements to
fire by Sunday, 29th January, 1928,
the last day on which Part II. will
be fired.

3. Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak
Range for the 1st six months of 1928
should be submitted to the Adjutant
immediately.

4. M. G. Competition.

Serjeant Spradbury's team of the
Mobile Section of the Armoured Car
Company wins the M. G. trophy, to be
held for one year with a total score
of 45 points. The Commandant
offers his congratulations on the fine
drill and shooting of his team.

Scores of other teams are posted
on Headquarters notice boards.

Results of Field-Firing trophy will
be worked out as soon as correct
camp strengths are submitted by unit
commanders.

5. Corps Signals.

Parade for Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m.
on Thursday, 29th December at Corps
Headquarters.

6. Artillery Company.

No parade will be held at Corps
Headquarters on Thursday, 29th Decem-
ber, 1927.

Thursday, 5th January, 1928.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.35
p.m. for Battery Drill.

7. Promotions.

The following promotions take
effect from the 14th December, 1927.
Artillery Company. No. 565 A/Bdr.
M. H. Wylance to be Bombardier. No.
1 Platoon. No. 1075 Pte. J. F.
Wright to be Corporal.

8. Leave.

The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:—
No. 833 Spr. K. S. Robertson, En-
gineer Co., from 1.1.28. to 31.10.28.
No. 511 Pte. O. Enger, Reserve Co.
from 1.1.28. to 31.12.28.

9. Long Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has
awarded the Colonial Auxiliary
Forces Long Service Medal to No.
224 Lance Sergeant J. C. Fletcher of
the "Scottish" Company, H.K.V.D.C.,
on 16. 12. 27.

10. Struck off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from
1. 12. 27. No. 668 Pte. T. Low, No.
7 Platoon.

Having completed three years
service, as from 19. 12. 27. No. 563
Pte. W. Hill, Reserve Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR
ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.
Notice.

The Commandant wishes all ranks of
the Corps a Happy Christmas and
prosperous New Year.

After Order.

1. Musketry: Stonecutters Range
is allotted as follows:—

Sunday, 8th January, 1928. Reserve
Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Lieut. A. M. Thorn-
hill.

Sunday, 15th January, 1928. Corps
Signals, Portuguese Company and
Casuals.

Range Officers: Lieut. M. G. Noll
and 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M. C.

Sunday, 22nd January, 1928:
Armoured Car Company, Infantry
Company and Casuals.

Range Officer as detailed by Major
H. B. E. Dewbigin.

Sunday, 29th January, 1928: Scot-
tish Company, Engineer Company
and Casuals.

Range Officers: Captain K. S.
Morrison and 2/Lieut. R. S. Logan.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR
ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.
Hongkong, 23. 12. 27.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

"CHRISTIE AND BLUHM ON NEW CHARGE.

Before Major C. Willson yester-
day afternoon, J. Christie and C.
Bluhm were charged jointly with
conspiracy to defraud money from
the Chinese police reservist, Au
Yeung Kin Heng.

The whole of the evidence
which, at the trial of the two de-
fendants before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell, on a different charge
failed, will have to be recalled by
the prosecution.

Yesterday afternoon, the Chin-
ese police reservist occupied the
whole time of the court when he
related once again how he was in-
troduced to Haynes, and from
Haynes to Christie and also the
nature of the conversations which
took place on his several visits to
Christie's office.

The case was adjourned.

CRUEL MURDER.

OLD WOMAN KILLED BY TWO ROBBERS.

An armed robbery, perpetrated on
Wednesday night by two robbers,
a man and a woman, at the Sal-
wan district, at Cheung Chow,
New Territory, resulted in one of
the inmates of the house being
murdered.

According to the vernacular
press, the house visited by the rob-
bers was non-numbered and was
occupied by an elderly Chinese wo-
man, a widow, aged 76,
and her grand-daughter. This
girl alleged that she was sleeping
with her grand-mother in-
side the room when at
about 7.30 the noise made by the
robbers when they entered the
house woke up her grandmother.
The old woman ventured out to
investigate and was roughly handled
by the robbers. When the
girl went out to the front part of
the house, following her grand-
mother, she found that one of the
robbers was strangling her.

The woman pleaded with the rob-
ber not to treat her so cruel-
ly, adding that if they
were after money they could take
away anything they liked from the
house. The robber then warned
the woman not to shout so loud,
but she kept on making a noise.
Unable to give her grandmother
any assistance, the girl re-entered
the bedroom and found that the
female robber was ransacking the
room. Eventually the girl suc-
ceeded in eluding the thieves and
slipped out, going to a neighbour-
ing house when she gave the alarm.
As no one responded to the
alarm, she and the neigh-
bour returned to the house
to find that her grand-
mother was dead. By her side was
a knife believed to have been left
behind by the robbers.

The girl added that both robbers
had painted their faces black.
The house was in the most disor-
derly condition, but at the mo-
ment the girl could not make out
what had been stolen by the rob-
bers. The girl reported the crime
to the Tai O Police yesterday morn-
ing at 5 o'clock.

THE NEW AIRSHIP.

AIR-WORTHINESS BEING INVESTIGATED.

London, Dec. 22.
Questioned in Parliament re-
garding the airship Re.100, now
under construction privately for
the Government, Sir Philip
Sassoon, Under-Secretary for
Air, said it did not ap-
pear likely that the total
fuel weight of the airship, includ-
ing the passenger car and fittings,
would exceed the contract figure
of 90 tons.

Two scientists who were in-
vestigating the air-worthiness of
the two airships now being built
could not complete their investiga-
tion of the Re. 100 for some
months, but so far it appeared
that the factors of safety laid
down in the report of the air-
worthiness of the airship panel
had been fully adhered to.

Sir Alan Cobham's Plane.

Answering a question regarding
the damage done to Sir Alan Cob-
ham's seaplane at Malta, during
the proposed round-African flight,
Sir Philip Sassoon said that a pair
of wing tip floats were carried
away by the swell during the land-
ing and the port elevator and lower
portion of the plane were damaged
by the heavy sea whilst the ma-
chine was being beached. These
parts are being renewed with as
little delay as possible.

Replying to another question
Sir Philip Sassoon said that seven
high-speed aircraft were being
built this year and six of these
were made available for the
Schneider Trophy. They were
constructed for the purpose of
carrying out an important pro-
gramme of research into the prob-
lems of high-speed flight. Valua-
ble data bearing on the problem
of improvement in the speed of
aircraft had already been secured
with these machines.—British
Wireless.

BETTING EVIL.

CABINET TO CONSIDER QUESTION.

London, Dec. 22.
An undertaking that the Cabinet
would consider the whole question of
greyhound racing was given last night
by Sir William Joynson Hicks, who
received a deputation on this subject,
representing three political parties,
and introduced by Mr. John Thomas,
Labourite. The Deputation laid be-
fore the Home Secretary the anxiety
felt regarding the growth of betting,
particularly among youths which took
place on dog races. Mr. Joynson
Hicks said he shared the deputation's
anxiety concerning the effects of the
enormous extension of the new sport,
but the Government had to be fully
satisfied as to its evil results before
interfering.



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Regarding juvenile betting he had,
however, directed an investigation as
to the Home Secretary's powers to
deal with it. If legislation was neces-
sary he would have an opportunity
to protect minors next year in a new
bill relating to children.

On the broad question, the whole
matter would have to be considered
by the Government in the moral and
material interests of the community
generally. He gave a warning hint
to those investing money in the new
undertakings to promote greyhound
racing in various parts of the country,
that its development had been so sud-
den and so extensive that any govern-
ment must give serious attention to
it. He promised a fuller statement
of government policy when the House
of Commons re-assembled in
February.—British Wireless.

CHINA PROBLEMS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

things. A few days ago the China Committee, which was in alliance with their Association, expressed some of its views in *The Times*, and so important were the points upon which they felt keenly that he should like to refer to them again specifically. They were well aware, of course, of the difficulties of the constructive policy. They desired to give adhesion to the principle of Nationalism in China, but until this Nationalism was able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity they felt that the safeguards under which British trade had been hitherto constructed ought not to be further weakened. (Applause.)

Maintain the Concessions.

They held that the surrender of the British Concession at Hankow had been extremely harmful to British commercial interests there—(Hear, hear)—and in the Yangtze Valley. They held that the safeguards represented by the other British Concessions ought for the time being to be maintained. (Applause.) They were strongly of the opinion that negotiations for radical changes in the British Concession at Tientsin ought not to be conducted. (Hear, hear.) They were advised and believed that abandonment of existing safeguards and rights was more dangerous to British trade than a boycott, dangerous as that had proved itself to be, and further they held that both British property and British merchants in China were entitled to protection, that the present position of the ex-British Concession at Hankow was a menace to both, and that the only way to remove the menace was for His Majesty's Government to administer that former Concession until such time as the Chinese were able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement. (Applause.)

Thanks To Navy.

Having said so much he desired to express on their behalf to His Majesty's Government their grateful thanks for the timely aid which had been accorded by the Navy (applause)—under the command of his friend, Admiral Tyrwhitt, who was with them on the occasion of their last annual dinner, and he mentioned in that connexion the presence on his left, who occupied the exacting position of Civil Lord of the Admiralty. They were also thankful for the despatch of that first-rate fighting force which had been sent by His Majesty's Government to Shanghai. (Applause.) The most important place in the Far East of many who were present that evening. (Laughter.) They should never look too close at a simile; they are often entitled not to be seen. (Laughter.) They had now arrived at the point where he desired to say a word with regard to the China question. Some of their friends, both at home and abroad—more perhaps of the latter than of the former—were disposed to wonder whether it would not be possible to bring some more effective pressure to bear upon the Councils of His Majesty's Government. (Hear, hear.)

The Opposition.

They did not know as much about these things, he believed, as his noble friend, and even other statesmen. He had heard and listened to appeals to pay a visit to the Opposition, whatever it might be, but the position was one which he could not recall. There was no great and vigorous opposition of an official character prepared to take up any case against the Government for the time being, presumably because it was the Opposition's duty to oppose. Then again, they had been told that surely this was the time when they ought to pray for something in the nature of the old statecraft; could it not be possible to find another Lord Palmerston? There was a great deal more to be said than that. Lord Palmerston, curiously enough, had a fracas with China himself, and dealt with it in true Palmerstonian fashion. Having dealt his blow, he immediately forced a general election on the country and won it, as he said he would, hands down. That was evidence of vigour, but there was more behind it. While he was engaged in settling the China question of the day and winning his election in this country, the people here, throughout the length and breadth of the land, were paralysed by the horrors of the Indian Mutiny.

In thanking Lord Peel for his presence, the Chairman concluded by saying that if Lord Peel would think of Lord Palmerston he was quite sure they would have a friend of their case in China. (Applause.)

CANTON PUZZLE.

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It is thought, be a conspicuous one. Whether he will join hands with the "Leftists" remains to be seen, but according to current reports Chiang is ambitious and cannot see why the "Kwangsi Clique," which has already been rather powerful should add Kwangtung to their territory. One report says the great desire of the Nanking Nationalist politicians and the Kwangsi militarists is to isolate both Chiang Kai-shek and the "Leftists." The latter alone would never be able to hold Canton without forming an alliance with some party in the Kuomintang, and the view held in some quarters is that Chiang may be their choice. If the Kwangsi clique can succeed in frustrating the alliance of any other party with the "Leftists," then the outcome may be that Canton will be re-captured by the soldiers of Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung without much fighting, and this is what the Canton merchants and probably all classes of people most desire.

HONGKONG ISLAMIC UNION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Islamic Union took place recently. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. U. Ramjahn, the chair was occupied by Mr. S. Akber. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Juman Ali, read the notice convening the meeting, after which Mr. Akber reviewed the activities of the Society at some length and mentioned the various improvements that had been made in the Mahomedan Mosque and Cemetery. He mentioned that through the great trouble which Mr. S. Akber, the Hon. Treasurer, took in the collection of subscriptions, the Society is now in a fairly good financial position. He thanked Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, of the Indian Moslem Society, for the valuable services he had rendered in connexion with the improvements in the Cemetery.

Mr. Akber then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. S. A. Hamid seconded, and the resolution was unanimously passed. Mr. Akber tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Mosque and Guardian of the Cemetery, and Mr. S. Akber was elected in his place. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. U. Ramjahn (Chairman), Mr. S. Akber (Hon. man), Mr. S. Akber (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Juman Ali (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. J. M. Dyer, O. Madar, A. A. Samy, S. Akber, and Abdul Karim. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. A. Rahim and seconded by Mr. D. Ramjahn.

WALKING ON DIAMONDS.

New York.—A small man with ridiculously large feet disembarked recently at New York. He was Florent Lamot, second electrician aboard the liner Lapland. As he handed his landing card to the immigration officer, a Customs inspector caught sight of his queer feet. The inspector followed Lamot, who walked, apparently aimlessly, through the streets of New York.

All the time the inspector, an enthusiastic admirer of Charlie Chaplin, was studying the feet and gait of the electrician. Finally, he tapped him on the shoulder and escorted him to the Customs House, where other inspectors also evinced an impolite curiosity regarding the visitors' feet.

Smuggling Conspiracy. The officials removed his boots and found the feet to be quite normal, but the boots were enormous. In the toes and heels were diamonds—worth altogether \$20,000.

The inspectors thought that the electrician might be a human switch in an international diamond smuggling conspiracy which, for several months, has absorbed their attention.

With the aid of clues already in their possession they promptly arrested five other persons—four men and a woman. The prisoners were arraigned, and so important did the evidence seem to be to the Commissioner of Customs that he refused to release them unless they provided bail of \$45,000. Lamot's bail alone was fixed at \$20,000, and he did not produce it. Neither did the others produce their bail, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each.

Gems Worth \$10,000,000. Customs agents say that the diamond market has been deranged in this country for a year past by smuggling. They place the amount of smuggled diamonds at \$10,000,000. The headquarters of the smugglers, according to them, is in Amsterdam, whose customers in New York pay 8 per cent. of the value of the diamonds to the smugglers, thus saving the 12 per cent. duty.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

W	O	R	K
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P	O	R	T
P	E	R	T
P	E	S	T
R	E	S	T

WHALE SURPRISE.

"EXTINCT" SPECIES FOUND.

The stranding of a school of 120 whales last month in the Dornoch Firth on the north-east coast of Scotland has resulted in the discovery of a species of whale for which scientists have searched for nearly a century, says a *Daily Mail* correspondent.

The dismembered skeletons are going to the British Museum, whence, after cleaning and reconstruction, they will be distributed among museums and universities throughout the British Isles.

When the news that the school had run ashore reached the British Museum two experts—Mr. M. A. C. Hinton, an assistant keeper in the Department of Zoology, and Mr. P. Stannitz—were sent north. Mr. Hinton said:

I strolled down to have a casual look at one of the whales and I got what I can only describe as the shock of my life when I discovered what I suspected to be the very whale for which science has been searching in vain in all the Seven Seas for 80 years.

Mr. Hinton authorised me to reveal the fact that this species is the mysterious *Pseudorca*, or "false whale," a smaller relative of the "killer whale," which it resembles in many ways.

The first trace of this mammal was found in 1840 in fossil form in the Fens, and twenty years later fossil remains were discovered in Tasmania. Beyond that nothing was known of the creature.

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. W. J. Chilmad, the wireless operator of S.S. Taishan, sails for home to-morrow by S.S. Kashgar, he having been relieved by Mr. E. Hume. It is understood that Mr. Chilmad will return to the Far East on conclusion of his well-earned leave.

During the Winter Solstice celebrations at No. 355, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, shortly before noon to-day, a quantity of miscellaneous goods stored on the verandah, caught fire while crackers were being discharged and joss paper burned. There was little damage caused, the fire being extinguished almost immediately after its outbreak.

An unusual and interesting feature of the Dairy Farm's Xmas display this year is the show of their own Farm Fed veal and pork, slaughtered and dressed in the approved London style by members of their European butchery staff. The carcasses of veal are specially tempting, the brightly hued hides forming a very effective draping. The display is right up to home-side custom and judging by the number of turkeys, etc., on view Hongkong is going to do itself well this Christmas.

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Chicago, Nov. 18.—Mile for mile, flying has become the safest means of transportation. A survey conducted by an air transport company shows that there are so few fatalities on European lines that the insurance rates on air traffic are now lower than on surface transportation. The Imperial Airways, Ltd., have carried 76,000 passengers 4,000,000 miles in seven years with only four deaths.

In 1925 and 1926, this concern covered 1,653,000 miles without any fatalities at all. The risk is somewhat higher in the United States. From 1918 to 1922 there was one death for every 128,800 miles flown. By 1926, so many improvements had been made that only one life was lost for every 2,292,273 miles covered. Air mail pilots in the same year flew 2,086,395 miles with the loss of only two men.

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MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

TRIAL OF THE INDIAN CHAUFFEUR.

Further evidence was given before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in the case in which Sundi Khan a chauffeur, is being tried for manslaughter, following the death of a woman after being knocked down at West Point. It is alleged, by a car driven by the prisoner, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, jr., is defending.

Prisoner's Defence.

The afternoon session was devoted to listening to the case for the prisoner.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, in opening his defence, referred to the fact that the prisoner bore a good character and was a careful driver. After speaking of the incidents surrounding the mishap, he submitted that it was an accident pure and simple.

In giving evidence the prisoner said he bore a good character and had good references from his employers. He spoke of picking up an Indian constable and an Indian watchman by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's wharf, near the Harbour Office, on the night in question, after which he drove in the direction of the Wing Lok Street wharf. They left the wharf near the Harbour Office a few minutes before nine o'clock.

When travelling along the road between the two wharves his speed was 14-15 miles an hour, but after passing Wing Lok Street wharf he increased his speed to 19 or 20 miles an hour, as the road is much wider at this spot and there was very little traffic and few pedestrians.

Dimmed Headlights.

As he approached the Cheung Chau wharf where the Aberdeen buses usually parked, his attention was attracted to a car approaching him with headlights fully on. As the two vehicles approached the other car dimmed headlights and witness followed suit and also sounded his horn. After passing the car prisoner switched on the headlights of his car and noticed a man and a woman walking in front of him with their hands clasped. He again sounded his horn and applied his foot brake, but his foot slipped off the brake. Of the two persons one was pulling to the right and the other to the left. At that time he was under the impression that the couple would go to the right; so he swerved to the left and in doing so the car struck the woman.

After hitting the woman he lost his head and came to a stop near a lamp post. A crowd of Chinese gathered and threatened to assault him, and the Indian constable in the car told prisoner to drive on, otherwise the Chinese would kill him (prisoner). He then sounded his horn and drove on.

Prisoner continued that he told the Indian constable that he wanted to go to the police station, but the latter replied that he had better take the car to the garage first. This he did and was ready to go to the police station when an Inspector arrived.

Previous Offences.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy prisoner said he was at present employed to drive for Mr. C. Bernard Brown, chartered accountant, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis. Prisoner admitted that about a month ago he had had some drinks, but stated that he was not absolutely drunk. He denied that Mr. Brown threatened to discharge him if it happened again. What Mr. Brown did was to tell him on the following day that if it occurred again he would fine him five dollars.

Prisoner admitted that in 1925 he was cautioned for reckless driving by the C.S.P. At that time he was driving for Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Macao Steamboat Company. Mr. Arnold knew of that caution, but he received a good testimonial. Prisoner also admitted being fined \$10 for negligent driving in Connaught Road in August this year.

The prisoner went on to speak of picking Mr. Brown up outside the Hongkong Club on the night in question. Mr. Brown himself drove the car to Jardine's Corner, where he lived. They arrived there at about ten minutes past eight. Prisoner said he could have had the car in the garage by 8.25 if he had driven fast. He had no permission to have the car on Connaught Road at nine o'clock.

Mr. Fitzroy drew the attention of the prisoner to various statements given by witnesses at the Central Magistracy which conflicted in parts with his own. Prisoner said that the witnesses' statements were not true where they differed from his own.

At the time of the accident he was travelling at 19 or 20 miles an hour. Although four people were knocked down he only knew of knocking two down.

Counsel's Suggestion.

Mr. Fitzroy asked prisoner why he had not said anything about an approaching car when he made a statement in answer to the charge. Prisoner replied that he did not know he was going to be asked about it.

Mr. Fitzroy suggested that there was really no car, that it was an afterthought to help to get him out of the trouble. Prisoner asserted that there was a car approaching him.

Mr. Fitzroy: Is it not true that you were going so fast that you could not have pulled up in a reasonable distance?—If my foot had not slipped off the brake I would have saved her. After she was knocked down I applied both the foot brake and the hand brake. The case was adjourned until to-day.

Paris.—Hot water and central heating are to be distributed like gas and electric current by the Paris Municipal Council. To-day that body decided to install a trial distribution station for hot water, and central heating on an old

COUNCIL MEETING.

FOUR BILLS PASS ALL STAGES.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided over a meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. There were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. Telford, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary).

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Sessional Paper.

The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table, among other papers, a report on the Aberdeen Valley catchment area development.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton asked whether this paper was the sessional paper for which they had been waiting, or whether there would be a further sessional paper.

H.E. the Governor: There will be a still further sessional paper later on.

Bills Passed.

The following bills passed all remaining stages without amendment and became law:

An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses.

An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899.

An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

Council Adjourns.

H.E. the Governor: We now approach the end of the year, and it will be convenient, I think, to have one more meeting of the Council before the year closes, and as the business is mainly financial it will be advisable to have the Finance Committee before the Council meeting. I propose, if it suits your convenience, that the meeting should be on Friday, December 30, at 2.30 p.m.

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NAVAL CONFERENCE COMMENTED ON.

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Parliament has been prorogued until February 7.

The King's speech at the prorogation of Parliament dwells with satisfaction on the enthusiastic reception given to the Prince of Wales and Prince George in Canada, and to the Duke and Duchess of York in Australia and elsewhere. Also on M. Doumergue's visit to London last summer. "It afforded the people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France."

The frank and friendly Anglo-Egyptian conversations on the occasion of the visit of King Fuad were "a good augury for the future."

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THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

INTERNATIONAL GANG TRACED.

Berlin, Dec. 22.
Three persons suspected of being members of a big international drug smuggling organisation have been traced with the aid of documents and codes seized in Berlin last October. As the result of co-operation between the German police and the British authorities in Far East seizures, there followed the arrest of a Russian in Shanghai on a charge of disposing of smuggled drugs in the Far East and of his wife in Berlin on a charge of purchasing and arranging transport of the drugs. The correspondence contained the names of persons through whom the drugs were apparently procured. Two men mentioned therein have been arrested in Switzerland and another at Strasbourg, while proceedings have been begun against three factories in Switzerland, one in South Germany and one in France for participating in the illegal drug traffic.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN IRELAND.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED YESTERDAY.

London, Dec. 22.
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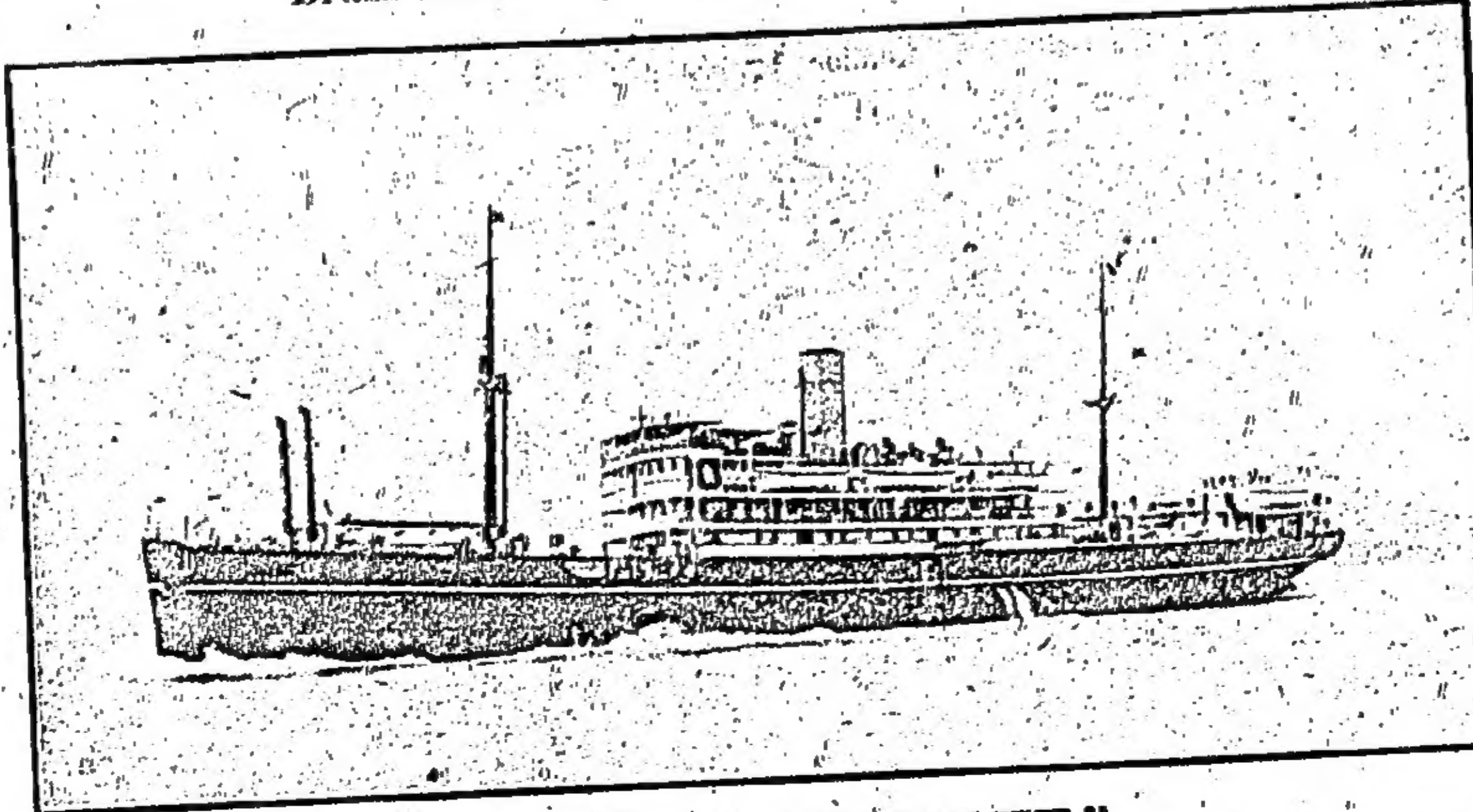
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MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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*KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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PROSPERITY OF THE SOUDAN.

GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE NATIVES.

BENEFITS OF DAM SCHEME.

London, Dec. 22.
The annual report on the administration of the Soudan, which is published to-day, states that the completion of the Sennar dam, which was officially opened in January last year, marked a new era in the development of the Soudan.

"Thanks to favourable conditions and goodwill and good work on the part of all concerned, the first year's results from the cultivation of cotton on a large scale were highly satisfactory and the benefits predicted have been fully realised. Labour had presented no difficulty and the general well-being of the natives in the thickly-populated Gezira area is manifested. Cultivation and production have been quickened by science to the vast advantage of the natives, but there has been no upheaval of the social system. In a country where the people have had to rely for their sustenance on capricious rainfall, a guarantee of freedom from menace of famine is the richest of blessings. Some 50,000 acres of irrigated land were sown with grain and there the harvest made a doubly welcome addition to the food supply in lean years."

The direct and indirect financial results of the cultivation season covered by the report were thoroughly satisfactory. There was small actual surplus on the year's working, but the indirect results were even more important, and report pointed out that account must be taken of the additional revenue earned by the Government from the extra railway traffic, export and import duties, and traders' tax on the Syndicate's profits. The additional net revenue accrued in this way probably amounted to at least 150,000 Egyptian pounds. It is added that the Gezira project in 1926 was an important factor in saving the Government from what would have been a very costly and difficult problem in relieving the famine which otherwise would have occurred.

As regards the future, many changes are in sight. For the current season the area under cotton has been increased from 80,000 to 100,000 feddans. As regards the more distant future, the Government has concluded an agreement with the syndicate to extend the concession area from 300,000 to 465,000 feddans and ultimately to increase the Government share to forty per cent.—British Wireless.

PENINSULA HOTEL THEFTS.

COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.

A conviction was registered against the Telephone Company's coolie who was charged on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny of a quantity of wire from the Peninsula Hotel.
His Worship, addressing the defendant, said it was not proved that he actually cut the wires, but he had admitted himself that he was carrying it without any orders or permission. He stated that it was the first time that he had done such a thing without orders from his superior.
The inference, continued his Worship, was that he was about to dispose of the wire for his own purposes. He would therefore be convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

FRENCH TARIFF ON OILS.

PROTECTION FOR FRENCH PRODUCERS.

Paris, Dec. 22.
A Government measure for revising the tariff on oils has been issued and it provides for protection to the extent of 39.98 francs per metric quintal of crude oil for French producers and 18.80 francs per 100 kilogrammes of medium crude oil for French refiners.
Reuter.

SHANGHAI TRAMS.

DEPLETED SERVICE CONTINUES.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
A depleted tramway service, with a strong escort accompanying each car, is being maintained without outward incident, but the negotiations for settlement of the strike have made no progress.
Naval Wireless.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions—

1. British aviator: First Lord of the Admiralty; Secretary of State for Scotland; Unionist; candidate for: Southend-on-Sea.
2. St. Giles, Cripplegate. A tale of Wight, Buckinghamshire; Sheffield; Venice; Rome.
3. The will or codicil must be signed by the testator at the foot or end or by some body at the testator's direction, and such signature must be made or acknowledged in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time, who must then attest the signature to the will or codicil, and who must not be beneficiaries. 4. "Carmen." 5. "The Wanderers." 6. "Martian." 7. "Faint." 8. M. Painleve. 9. Cambridge; Oxford; Manchester; Sussex. 10. "The Ladies of London." 11. Dr. Lang. 12. Flying horse-racing; Association football; shooting; golfing.
13. Egypt; Iraq; Norway; Spain; Rumania; Bulgaria. 14. Yes, to the extent of any assets acquired by him from or through his wife.

APPREHENSIONS AT SWATOW.

ATTEMPTS MADE ON THE RAILWAY.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Swatow, Dec. 20.
The peasant Communists continue seriously to interfere with the Swatow-Chaochow Railway. It appears that previous to the attack at Kwan-tshau the other day, the station-master of that place had been captured; but, after being compelled to hand over various tools, had by a ruse escaped. Subsequent to the attack, another station was raided, and the spammers used for removing the sleepers were taken. As the supply of sleepers is limited, and the gang continues to be active, the railway is apprehensive that permanent damage may at any moment be done. The water tank at which the engine was filled every trip has been burnt down, and water has to be supplied by hand.

The military have carried out reprisals against a village near Kwan-tshau, said to harbour Communists. The village was burnt, many killed, and over a hundred captured. It is doubtful how far this will restrain the Communist bands, who are collected from groups of villages, and whose depredations in various directions are reported daily.

The destruction of the railway would interfere with the extensive military movements taking place at present. General Chan Ming-shu's 11th Army is on the move from Fukien, part of it by Tai Pu to the East River, part down the Han River to Swatow. This section is now coming in. General Chan himself has arrived in Swatow, and yesterday a number of his staff came by sea from Foochow.

Troops have already been sent to join the few previously commissioned to attack the "Red" stronghold in Hai-luk Fung. The two bodies met at Chai-tsu. Meanwhile, large numbers of refugees are coming in to beg for help, and yesterday some five hundred of them presented petitions to the officials.
Preparations are already being made to receive the wounded, once the fighting starts.

His Excellency the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to Lance Sergeant J. C. Fletcher, Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C.

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